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"Older than the New York Times"

Rabinowitz steps down; College discovers Kirkland Project paid Churchill

by Ian Mandel '06
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Just over a week after the cancellation of Ward Churchill's visit to Hamilton, The Margaret Bundy Scott Professor of Comparative Literature Nancy Sorkin Rabinowitz has announced that she is stepping down as director of the Kirkland Project, effective immediately. Rabinowitz announced her decision in a press release sent to *The Spectator* late Thursday evening.

"Hamilton College finds itself in the midst of a crisis that is deeply rooted in the institution's history and set against a backdrop of increasing political and cultural tension. Much of the resulting media attack has been directed personally at me as Director of the Kirkland Project. This, in turn, has been destructive to the Project and to the educational mission of the College, in particular to its desire to create a more diverse and welcoming environment for all students," she stated. "In the interests of the College and its community, therefore, I am stepping down as Director, effective immediately."

Rabinowitz's announcement comes shortly after the College discovered that the Kirkland Project paid Ward Churchill for his visit, despite the cancellation of his speak-

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Wertimer honored with memorial service

by Katie Childs '08
SPORTS EDITOR

As snow fell lightly outside of the Chapel, family, friends, colleagues, alumni, and students gathered inside to remember the life of Sidney Wertimer Jr., professor emeritus of Economics who passed away on February 1, 2005. There was standing room only at the memorial service held on Thursday, February 10.

"This service was completely planned by Sidney himself, as some might suspect," said Dr. Jay G. Williams '54, who officiated the service alongside Reverend Paul J. Drobin.

Wertimer was a devoted husband to his soulmate, Ellie, and father to three sons and a daughter. His grandchildren affectionately called him "Sidda." "Sidney was a man who made both children and adults smile just thinking about him," said John N. Walsh III, Wertimer's nephew, at the service. He loved cooking, volunteering with the Clinton Fire Department, driving fast, and sailing in Maine.

"Sidney was devoted to 'the College'," said Kevin W. Kennedy '70. "To many of us, Sid was the face of Hamilton College – and justly so." Wertimer was a member of the Hamilton community for 52 years; he served as an economics professor, department chair, dean of students, and chief financial officer among other responsibilities. Wertimer was

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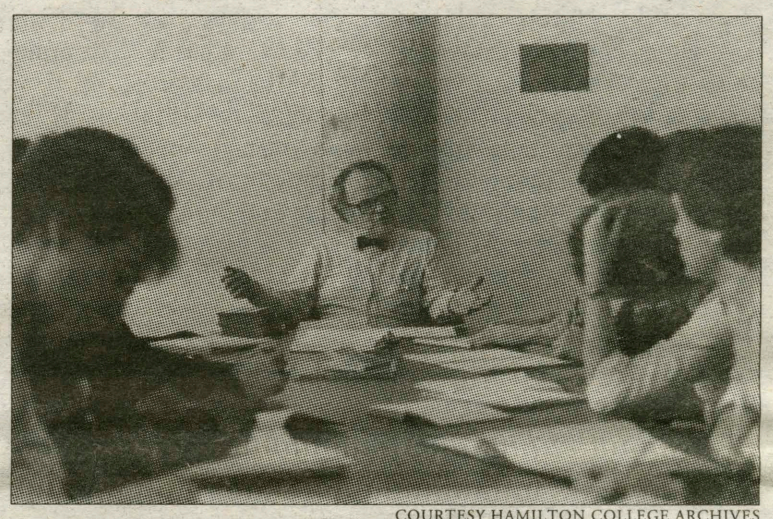

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Professor Wertimer addresses one of his classes. He will be greatly missed by students and faculty.

Reappointment dispute spurs Anechiarico resignation

by Sarah Gould '05
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In a letter sent via e-mail the Thursday before last, the Maynard-Knox Professor of Government and Law Frank Anechiarico announced his resignation from his relatively new position as Chair of Hamilton College's Government Department.

"I was entrusted with the leadership of the Government Department by being appointed Chair about a year ago. In the meantime, a matter of principle has come between a large part of the Department and the College Administration," Anechiarico explained in his e-mail.

In an interview with *The Spectator*, Anechiarico elaborated, stating that "the Department strongly disagreed with an appointment decision that the Administration made."

The Henry Platt Bristol Professor of International Affairs Alan Cafruny explained that the matter involves a decision involving a member of the government department.

"As the former chair of the department who was responsible for our colleague, I can only view the decision as a clear statement of no confidence in my leadership as well as my colleagues in the department," Cafruny stated. "Had I still be chair when the decision was made, I also would have had no choice but to resign that position. The decision is utterly without precedent in the Government Department. I strongly believe, along with the overwhelming majority of my colleagues, that the decision does an injustice to an extremely promising, young teacher/scholar."

He continued, "It violates established principles of shared government between the administration and the faculty that are the foundation of academic freedom and essential to the national reputation of the Government Department and the college."

According to Anechiarico, the reappointment procedure is typically one of equal input between the academic department and the

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Controversy debated

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
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SPORTS EDITOR

"I recognize that these are complex issues and that people on both sides of the debate are people of principle," said Professor of Philosophy Robert Simon at a panel on academic freedom organized by HAVOC on Wednesday night. "Academic freedom needs to be distinguished from freedom of

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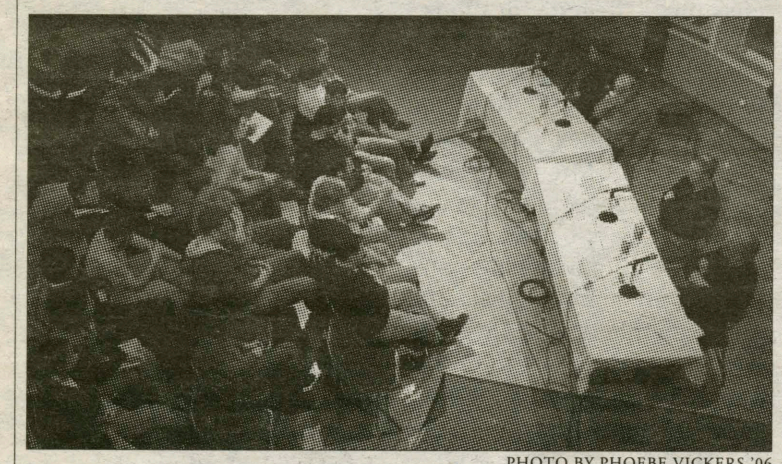

PHOTO BY PHOEBE VICKERS '06

Students, faculty and administrators gather for HAVOC's discussion panel on academic freedom.

Churchill discussed by faculty, students at campus discussion

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the recent controversy surrounding the inviation to Ward Churchill to speak on the Hill, the Office of the President sponsored a campus wide discussion allowing faculty, staff and students to make their voices and opinions concerning this heavily debated issue heard. President Joan Hinde Stewart called to order the event and introduced the discussion at 4 p.m. this past Tuesday in a crowded Events Barn.

Stewart began the discussion by running through what she called a "six point chronology" of the events surrounding Churchill's invitation and the subsequent cancellation of the discussion panel of which he was to be a member of. She began to clarify the background

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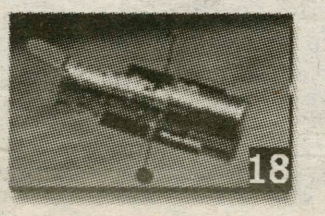

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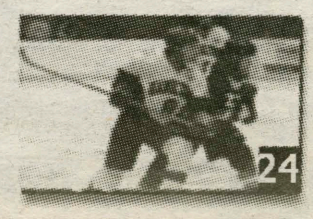

Charles Kernaghan lectures on horrors of sweatshops

by Whitney Kimmel '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Charles Kernaghan was welcomed to Hamilton College on February 7 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss his efforts for the National Labor Committee and the effects of globalization and sweatshops on the world. After having several jobs and representing numerous colleges and universities, Kernaghan became president of the National Labor Committee. In this position he has testified in court against exploitive corporations hoping to gain rights for oppressed, working people – in particular, women and children. Presently, he hopes to influence world-wide policies by reworking foreign aid laws.

He opened his discussion with a recount of the Triangle Shirt & Wares Factory fire that occurred in New York City on March 25, 1911. The factory fire resulted in the deaths of 146 women and children. His goal was to give a face to the oppressed workers, explaining that "the streets ran with blood as women jumped from the 9th floor" to escape the inferno. He continued to say that "people were so angry that 100,000 marched in [the dead's] funeral procession." Since then, laws giving workers the right to healthier, safer environments and working rights in the United States have been created.

He followed up with an incident that occurred in Dakar in a similar shirt factory. A fire broke out at 7:30 at night, trapping women at their work stations. The exits had been locked to keep the laborers inside. In desperate attempts to escape, women threw themselves from the roof. Fifty-one people were killed in the fire, five of which spanned from ages 10 to 13. This event happened on January 6, but was never made public. Kernaghan questioned: "What happened to our moral outrage?"

Kernaghan focused on the lives of two young women from Bangladesh who toured the United States in hopes of bring awareness to the general population and bringing us "face to face with those who make our clothing." According to Kernaghan, one of these young woman's jobs is to sew back-pocket Velcro flaps on 120 pairs of Wal-Mart brand pants each hour. If she fails to meet her quota, her taskmaster slaps her in the face. Although she works seven days a week for more than 14 hours each day, she receives 13 cents per hour. Kernaghan expressed that these workers are "some of the hardest working women in the world ... but also some of the poorest." He finds it difficult to believe that "you can work 14 hours a day for the largest corporation in the United States but still have to sit up at night and cover yourself [from the rain] with plastic". The women he described cannot afford simple commodities such as toothbrushes or toothpaste.

Kernaghan brought to our attention the fact that CEOs at Wal-Mart make more that 34,000 times the amount of the average worker in a third world country and that if we gave 7 cents more per shirt directly to the workers they would "be able to climb out of misery and into poverty."

Bearing this in mind, Kernaghan fervently attested that "of course there is enough money to treat these women like people," their only requests being to receive one day a week off, to not be beaten, to be paid for overtime and receive $30 for their promised three month maternity leave. Kernaghan stands by his belief that the "global economy is a human creation, not the universe," and that each individual has the power to help these people gain their dignity and at least receive a "subsistence level income."

He explained that traditional clothing markup in the United States has previously been 100%, although it has recently inflated to 13,000%. Companies like Puma and Nike pay workers only 1/10 to 3/10 the price of the 7 cents most garments cost to make before

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Panelists discuss reproductive rights

by Jonathan Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

As part of Reproductive Rights Awareness week, the Hamilton College Democrats, Womyn's Center and VOX sponsored a panel discussion titled, "The Past and Future of Reproductive Rights." The panel discussion took place on Wednesday February 9 in the Red Pit. Included in the panel were Professors Frank Anechiarico, Jenny Irons, Maurice Isserman and Esther Kanipe, who each spoke to the approximately 25 students in attendance.

Marjorie and Robert W. Ewen Professor of History Esther Kanipe, who identified herself as pro-choice, passionately began the discussion with a fast-paced look at the history of reproduction rights. Kanipe explained that in the past, the issue of birth control was not just about women, but instead focused on how contraception could control different groups of people. Going further, Kanipe stated that "thinking of this [birth control] in terms of individual rights is a recent development." Kanipe also brought up the lack effective sex education programs currently in place throughout the country.

Frank Anechiarico, the Maynard-Knox Professor of Government and Law, followed Professor Kanipe by examining the role the courts have played in reproductive rights. Using the whiteboard at times to enhance his presentation, Anechiarico explained the famous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case, which allowed women to have unrestricted abortions up to the second trimester. When asked about the future of abortion, Anechiarico responded that "the responsibility for regulating reproductive rights may very well go back to the states – possibly in the next four years."

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Prof. Kanipe spoke as one of the members of the discussion panel.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Jenny Irons used her talk to focus on the sociological aspects of the abortion debate. Irons pointed to the work of sociologist Kristin Luker, who argues the contentious issue is a "referendum on the meaning of motherhood," or the assumption that all women want to be mothers. Irons also worked to explain why some people are pro-choice and others are pro-life by citing authors who believe that peoples' attitudes about abortion are linked to their views on women's roles in society. When asked why she agreed to join the panel discussion, Irons replied that "polls about the public's attitudes show that this debate is much more complex than is often portrayed in politics. I wanted to participate in a conversation that accounts for these complexities."

Professor of History Maurice Isserman, who is the VOX organization's campus advisor, concluded the formal component of the forum by discussing, among other things, the role of religion in the abortion debate. Making the point that people often pick and choose which aspects of their faith they choose to practice, Isserman pointed to research that showed that Catholics have a disproportionate number of abortions. Isserman also referred to an article that reports that in Rome, home of the Vatican, abortion is actually legal.

The panel concluded its discussion with an informed question and answer period. Professor Isserman also urged those who believe in a woman's right to choose to support the movement by volunteering at the local Planned Parenthood.

Student Assembly approves Febfest budget

by Tess Patalano '07
NEWS WRITER

This past Monday Student Assembly met to discuss Hamilton's latest issues. The current goals of the Elections Committee are to improve the election codes in the SA constitution, institute campaign regulations and to delegate subcommittees so that work can be more efficient. Various tasks were assigned to members of the Facilities Committee. They will be working on obtaining more snack machines for Dunham and outside the library.

They also are working on a campaign for students to be more respectful of their dorms through an RA staff and student event. The Food Committee reported that there is a new George Foreman grill in commons. It was also noted that the diner is willing to provide delivery service as long as students pay cash.

Also, the committee is looking in to the possibility for students to use their ID cards to pay for food downtown.

"We are starting a student interest e-mail address so that people with concerns may write us," said Katie Childs '08 of the Student Interests Committee. She also noted that the committee is investigating obtaining wireless internet and also hopes to get a bus to provide transportation to Syracuse Mall.

The Diversity and Disability Committee reported that they plan to have meetings once a month to incorporate more diversity within the committee. They also plan an all-campus lunch to introduce the new dean of diversity.

Dave Waldman '07 of the Funding Committee noted that, "requests for funding have dropped drastically." They are still working on the funding and will meet to go over budget cuts next Thursday.

The Constitution Committee started reviewing funding laws and will keep records of old Constitutions. Lorraine Sperling '08 stated that the by-laws will be changed completely because, "they are ambiguous and inconsistent with the constitution."

A motion was passed to disband the Library Committee, which due to lack of its weekly activity, is now subset of the Facilities Committee.

Blythe Winchester '08 suggested the creation of a new committee entitled Social Traditions.

"The idea of the committee is to make the history of the campus more visible," stated Blythe. More discussion concerning this committee will occur next week.

Motions passed to approve the Febfest budget of $24,989.78, funds for the Men's Rugby Club of $945.00 and funds for the Equestrian club of $1,420.00. HAVOC was not approved for $1,062.00. This money was requested in order to allow two people to fly to California for a conference.

Discussion then turned to the Adler Conference. The theme of "Respect for Property, Respect for Ideas, Respect for People and Respect for the College" is set; 125 people are expected to attend.

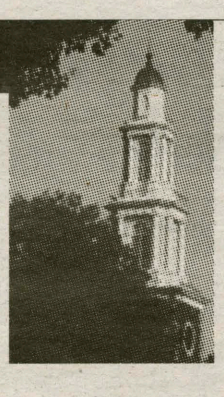
The CCC announced issues about the budget and will continue to discuss it. They plan on having a meeting with Acting Dean of Students Nancy Thompson and President Joan Hinde Stewart. They noted that groups having funding issues should attend CCC meetings.

The SA then focused discussion on the letter drafted to Alums regarding Ward Churchill. "The goal was to create a neutral letter that didn't take sides," explained SA President Michael Blasie. The letter received praise and most members believe it will assure the alumni that the campus is still running smoothly. A few members are concerned with the wording of the letter and believe it should be altered before it is sent.

Blasie emphasized future ideas for the SA, one suggesting a presentation to show students on campus where tuition money goes and how budgets are formed.

Next week's events include Febfest, The Vagina Monologues, and a Lunar New Year Celebration.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

Textbook basketball: College students learn the ABCs of ACC

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) Barry Lawing remembers the first time his dad took him to a Wake Forest game, nearly four decades ago. He's been hooked on Atlantic Coast Conference basketball since.

Now a history instructor at Forsyth Technical Community College, Lawing has found a way to bring that passion to academia. For the second straight winter, he is teaching a class on the league's highest-profile sport, a veritable ACC History 101 featuring everything from old game footage to guest lecturers, some better known for scoring than speechmaking.

In a state obsessed with ACC basketball - and for a teacher who claims to have attended about 400 league games - the mere existence of such a class is as sweet as a J.J. Redick jump shot.

"It's almost like it's a part of your childhood that you never lose," Lawing said. "You grow up with this intense rooting interest as a child, and you follow it through to adulthood. And it's a way you kind of connect with your childhood."

"It's a part of your whole life, and you never really outgrow it," he added. "And to some extent, you don't want to outgrow it because you can always be a kid when you go to a basketball game and scream."

For Lawing, who has taught at Forsyth Tech for about 20 years, the course offers a break from his Western civilization classes. This eight-week class is strictly for fun and doesn't have an official title. And unlike Jim Harrick Jr.'s infamous class at Georgia a few years ago, where students were asked on the final exam how many points a 3-point shot is worth, this is a noncredit course designed as a community service program.

The 23 enrolled students need attend only six of the eight classes - "or be a Wake Forest fan," Lawing says - to earn a satisfactory grade.

Lawing gives a midterm and final, though each takes only about 20 minutes and the teacher reads the answers aloud after the tests are finished. The students grade themselves, and high scorers can win a prize.

The syllabus resembles that of any college class, breaking down each week's topic and guest speakers. But in few courses do students crowd the visitors after a two-hour class to seek autographs and photos.

Embattled Colo. Professor to Speak in Wis.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) -- A Colorado professor who once compared some World Trade Center victims to a Nazi war criminal will be allowed to speak at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater next month, a decision the chancellor said was repugnant but necessary under First Amendment principles of free speech.

The decision Thursday sparked outrage among state lawmakers, who said they would ask the UW System president to intervene to block the speech by Ward Churchill.

UW-Whitewater Chancellor Jack Miller said in a statement he decided to honor an invitation for Churchill to speak at the campus 40 miles southeast of Madison despite the controversy over comments the University of Colorado professor made about the Sept. 11 attacks.

Miller laid out requirements he said must be met to ensure the March 1 speech would go off as planned, including assurances the university can guarantee the safety of the campus, visitors and Churchill.

While calling Churchill's comments "grossly inappropriate," Miller said it would be up to students, staff and others to judge the professor's comments.

"I have worked to make an informed decision, not the popular or politically expedient one," Miller said.

He also said in a statement no taxpayer money will be used to pay Churchill's honorarium or travel expenses.

Republican State Rep. Steve Nass began circulating a resolution Thursday to condemn Miller's decision that he hoped the full Legislature would vote on next week. Nass questioned why the university would allow someone to speak who had engaged in what he called anti-American hate speech.

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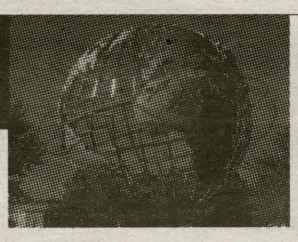

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North Korea Says It Has Nuclear Weapons

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -- North Korea boasted publicly for the first time Thursday that it has nuclear weapons and said it will stay away from disarmament talks, dramatically raising the stakes in the 2-year-old dispute. The Bush administration called on Pyongyang to give up its atomic aspirations so life can be better for its impoverished people.

North Korea's harshly worded pronouncement posed a grave challenge to President Bush, who started his second term with a vow to end North Korea's nuclear program through six-nation disarmament talks.

"We ... have manufactured nukes for self-defense to cope with the Bush administration's ever-more undisguised policy to isolate and stifle the (North)," the North Korean Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency. The agency's report used the word "nukes" in its English-language dispatch.

Previously, U.S. negotiators said North Korean officials claimed in private talks that they had nuclear weapons and might test one. The North's U.N. envoy also said last year the country had "weaponized" plutonium from its pool of 8,000 nuclear spent fuel rods.

But Thursday's statement was the first claim directly from North Korea's state media that it has a nuclear weapon, confirming the widely held beliefs of international experts that the country has one or two atomic bombs. North Korea is not known to have performed any nuclear tests, and it kicked out U.N. inspectors in 2002, so there is no way to verify its claims.

The United States and South Korea, the North's main rivals, played down the revelation and urged the North to return to the six-nation talks that began in 2003 and also include China, Japan and Russia. Analysts suggested the move by North Korea may be a negotiating tactic aimed at getting more compensation in exchange for giving up its nuclear weapons program.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said North Korea should return to negotiations.

Prince Charles to Marry Parker Bowles

LONDON (AP) -- Thirty years after their first romance, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles, both now graying divorcees, will finally wed in a civil ceremony and put the official seal on a relationship Princess Diana blamed for the breakdown of her marriage to the man who would be king.

In a nod to those who have not warmed to Parker Bowles, the royal family said Thursday she will never hold the title of queen but eventually will be called HRH Princess Consort instead. But usually reserved Charles seemed overjoyed simply to be able to take her as his wife.

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"I'm very excited," the prince said as he entered London's storied Goldsmith's Hall and looked at wedding rings.

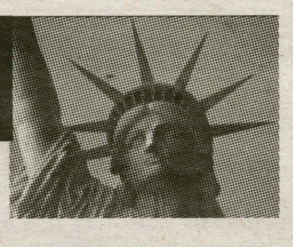
In their first public appearance together since the announcement, Charles, 56, and Parker Bowles, 57, smiled broadly as they walked into a Windsor Castle reception Thursday night, and the guests applauded.

"Of course," she said when asked by a reporter if Charles had gotten down on one knee to propose. "I'm just coming down to Earth."

The House of Commons burst into cheers at the news, and ordinary Britons offered their congratulations. Charles and Diana's sons said they welcomed the announcement.

"We are both very happy for our father and Camilla, and we wish them all the luck in the future," Prince William, 22, and Prince Harry, 20, said in a statement.

NATIONAL NEWS



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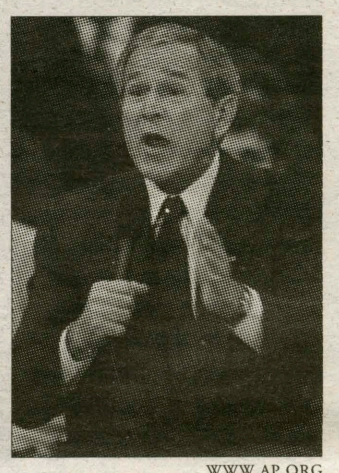
Bush on the Road With Social Security Plan

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- President Bush, on a trip to pitch his Social Security plans, tried on Thursday to calm restive Republicans who fear the political consequences of supporting his idea for personal retirement accounts.

"I believe candidates are rewarded, not punished, for taking on tough issues," Bush said. "I say that to give assurance to the members of Congress who may feel somewhat fearful of taking on the issue."

Counting Bush's stop later in the day in Pennsylvania, the president has visited seven states since the Jan. 20 inauguration to host Social Security events, all town hall-style meetings with a campaign trail flair.

On one side outside a performing arts center in Raleigh, men sold Bush inauguration bears and political buttons. On the other side, a boisterous group of protesters waved neon yellow, commercially made signs that said "Hands off my Social Security." A homemade one said "Mr. Bush, where is my invitation to the Raleigh town hall meeting?"



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The message, scrawled next to a sad face, was a critique of the friendly crowds assembled for the events. The president got plenty of praise from the audience inside. One man thanked Bush for bringing faith back to the White House; a standing ovation followed.

Bush is trying to mobilize support for his efforts to change Social Security, in addition to reassuring workers over age 55 that their benefits will not change under his proposal.

Bush's plan would allow younger workers to divert two-thirds of their Social Security taxes into private accounts that could be invested in stocks and bonds. Contributions would be capped at $1,000 a year, at first, then rise by $100 annually. The rest of the Social Security taxes would continue to go into the system to help pay traditional benefit checks.

It's unclear how much lower those traditional checks would be because all Social Security benefits are likely to be reduced in the future to put the system on sound financial footing.

Droopy-Pants Bill Dropped in Va. Senate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) -- Virginia lawmakers dropped their droopy-pants bill Thursday after the whole thing became just too embarrassing.

The bill, which would have slapped a $50 fine on people who wear their pants so low that their underwear is visible in "a lewd or indecent manner," passed the state House on Tuesday but was killed by a Senate committee two days later in a unanimous vote.

Republican Sen. Thomas K. Norment said news reports implied that lawmakers were preoccupied with droopy pants.

"I find that an indignation, which dampens my humor," Norment said.

Republican Sen. Kenneth Stolle, the committee chairman, called the bill "a distraction."

The committee hearing drew a standing-room-only crowd that included about 75 government students from Surry County High School.

"If people in Florida can wear bikinis, a little underwear showing isn't going to hurt anybody," 17-year-old Elvyn Shaw said.

The bill's sponsor, Democratic Delegate Algie T. Howell, declined to answer reporters' questions Thursday but issued a statement saying the bill "was in direct response to a number of my constituents who found this to be a very important issue."

He has said the constituents included customers at his barber shop who were offended by exposed underwear.

Government Department and Paris to discuss appointment

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administration, and while the department as a whole affects a significant amount of sway, College President Joan Hinde Stewart and Dean of the Faculty David Paris "do have independent roles."

In certain cases, financial constraints will influence the decision to either grant or deny reappointment. When asked whether he believed this incident to be a matter of finance, Professor Anechiarico responded in the negative.

The reappointment procedure is, as Professor Anechiarico explained, "a very carefully worked-out process," the guidelines for which are outlined extensively in the Faculty Handbook.

Assistant and visiting professorships are transitory in nature and the Faculty Handbook outlines its requirements for the long-term appointment of certain professors: "In order to pursue the College's mission of service to liberal learning, the Faculty must be comprised of scholars for whom undergraduate teaching is a major professional commitment...accordingly, its faculty should be active and developing scholars."

Although Anechiarico's resignation comes as a surprise to the majority of the Hamilton campus, the decision was first agreed upon internally.

"I was very strongly supported by my colleagues in the Department. It has been very much a group decision," Anechiarico stated.

Students have expressed their initial shock and sadness upon hearing of Anechiarico's decision.

Jeff Long '05, former Vice President of the Student Body and a World Politics major, commented, "Professor Anechiarico is hands-down the most genuine, sincere person I've come across. For him to make a decision like this, it must have been after serious, considerable thought and after much conversation with his colleagues in the Government Department."

However, faculty members are expressing guarded optimism for the future of shared decision making. "In spite of any difference we have now, the Administration understands the value of the Department quite well, even since our disagreement began. I have every expectation that we'll be able to work out our difference," Anechiarico says.

At present, Professor Anechiarico's resignation is still awaiting acceptance. According to Paris and Cafruny, the Dean will meet with members of the Government Department sometime next week. Paris preferred to reserve comment until after that meeting.

Although the issue is divisive, Professor Anechiarico expressed this sentiment, "It's been unusual in that it has united the Department in its desire to see this problem of governance resolved in a way that's made me very proud of being a member of the Department."

Kernaghan fights for workers' human rights

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markup. Kernaghan stated, "my personal feeling is that this is out of control. If we don't know about this, it doesn't exist," and therefore the companies continue to refuse to take responsibility for their exploitation.

After recounting several more stories and other startling statistics about corporations' refusals to give people basic resources, Kernaghan sought to empower Hamilton students. Our nation spends 30 billion dollars on consumer goods, and we contribute to 30% of the global economy each year.

He believes that with this kind of market, the consumer has the most power; "if young people in the United States – particularly in high schools and colleges – ever stood up and said 'these are my sisters and brothers,' demanding that they receive basic rights, we could unlock this problem." He believes, "the country has to listen. If we don't buy, they can't sell. They can take the jobs off shore, but they can't buy [their own products]."

He continued by noting that we have strict laws to protect labels such as Nike and Wal-Mart and any abuse, replication or manipulation of these labels results in serious repercussions. So he asks, "can't we also have laws to protect those six year olds' rights who made that garmet?"

According to Kernaghan, if the average sweatshop worker worked for 109 years without stopping, eating or sleeping and did not spend one cent of their income, they could afford to attend Hamilton College for one year.

He concluded his discussion by encouraging students to act as a voice for the 45% of the world's population who live on less than 1$ a day. Kernaghan stated, "we really have a role to play as the United States. If we would be willing to form a group we'd have enormous power" and could hopefully win individual rights for these people so that they could enjoy, "like we do, the right to rest, leisure, dignity, health, food clothing and medication."

HAVOC hosts faculty panel in wake of Churchill controversy

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speech." Other panelists included Professor of Art History Steve Goldberg, Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran, and John Stewart Kennedy Professor of Philosophy Richard Werner. A large group of students and faculty members were in attendance to discuss issues surrounding academic freedom including activism, ethics, and the academic merits of inflammatory rhetoric.

Panelists were each given ten minutes to discuss their stances on academic freedom and a question and answer session followed the presentation. Although the panel focused on the broader issue of academic freedom, many of the concerns voiced by audience members focused on the recent Ward Churchill controversy at Hamilton. "Times of war are exactly the times when freedom of thought needs to be kept," said Doran. "We have failed our students, our Constitution, and our country."

Both students and faculty expressed concern regarding how and what speakers are chosen. "The real question is who decides who to bring to campus," said Doran. Doran suggested that trust needed to be placed in faculty members to choose appropriate speakers: "I trust my colleagues as a matter of principle and a matter of fact."

Werner offered a different perspective: "Trust is a matter of degree. It isn't all or nothing. Some [colleagues] I trust more than others." Werner's main argument is that Hamilton is confusing legitimate freedom with freedom from our modern, consumer culture, confusing titillation with education, and seduction with learning.

Simon suggested a three-step process to resolve any future disputes regarding the merits of an on-campus speaker. First, the community needs to examine how large and diverse are the objections to the speaker: "Do they represent a broad spectrum of political views?" Simon questioned. Additionally, the community must examine the objections to the manner in which the rhetoric is delivered. Lastly, Simon recommended that Hamilton would need to investigate if the same view could be presented by a different speaker. If so, according to Simon, the speaker should be replaced.

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Professor Peter Rabinowitz addresses panelists Wednesday.

It was suggested that a speaker be complimented by a critic, but Simon wondered if it were too characteristic of the Hamilton community to only attend the talks they were interested in politically.

Additionally, Simon stated that the college should preserve the freedom to "whistle-blow" certain situations; however, Simon stated, Hamilton needs to create a better climate for discourse "so that these types of things don't happen again."

Regardless of where panel members aligned with issues concerning Ward Churchill, Susan Rosenberg, and academic freedom at Hamilton, panelist members did agree on one thing: that the Hamilton community needs to continue to discuss these issues to reach an eventual solution.

"There is an unresolved problem of that split [between Kirkland and Hamilton]," stated Goldberg. "We're a house divided and we need reconciliation." Werner agreed: "The healing process of the college needs to begin."

Wertimer honored by students, faculty, friends of the College

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not only committed to academics at the College, but the full spectrum of life on the Hill. He served as a coach and mentor, and was an avid supporter of Continental athletics and theatre productions; he also regularly invited colleagues and students to the home he shared with Ellie at 305 Campus Hill Road. Wertimer's energy and enthusiasm garnered him the nickname "the 90-pound hummingbird" among students.

"He had an extraordinary impact on this College, and particularly on the students of this college," said Kennedy. Many former students returned to the Hill for the memorial service.

The service included a reading of Isaiah 40:1-8 by Matthew Gruca '06, Wertimer's grandson; several hymns; an epistle lesson by Kelly Gruca, Sidney's granddaughter; prayers; and a rendition of Carissima, Hamilton's alma mater. After the anthem *Toccata* was played, the Chapel erupted in applause and a standing ovation.

"It is indeed fitting that he will be buried on this hill at this college, to which he so passionately gave his life, among his friends and colleagues," said Kennedy. Wertimer will continue to be remembered on the Hill: the Wertimer Chair in Economics is currently held by Douglas Ambrose and the former DKE house will be renamed the Sidney and Eleanor Wertimer house in June. "But beyond all these is the noble idea that this College is more important than any one individual's ambitions, and this College deserves the personal loyalty that was Sidney Wertimer's signature – and, I hope, his true legacy," said A. Barrett Seaman '67, a Hamilton College Trustee.

Kennedy recalled a comparison made by John Krenitsky '88: "the Hamilton emblem depicts an angel lifting a blindfold from the eyes of a youth under the Greek words, 'Know Thyself'." Krenitsky noted that "Wertimer was the angel at the center of Hamilton, lifting the blindfolds from countless students helping them to 'know themselves'".

Sirens from a Clinton fire truck blared as people left the Chapel to head to the reception at Commons. "His favorite part of the fire department was being in the apparatus on the truck with the lights and sirens," said Fire Chief Bill Roberts. "One of his last requests was that he wanted to hear the sirens and lights again."

Editorial

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If you heard that loud popping sound last week and thought maybe it came from the construction of the new science building, think again. The Hamilton "bubble" has officially burst. When the current senior class first arrived on the Hill, Hamilton College was climbing the *U.S. News and World Report* charts, approaching the numbers of those even-more-elite schools. The buzz around Hamilton centered around a great community, a low student-faculty ratio, and the increasing difficulty of admission, with the only major complaint being the isolated, insular campus. The trend of chart-climbing continued for the next year, until President Tobin stepped down. Since then, the College has yet to right the ship.

An ominous string of unfortunate events has left the school reeling for support and shelter. The Raelian Brigitte Bosselier teaching in the chemistry department was the least of our worries. Fundraisers are having an increasingly difficult time, and several prominent donors have withdrawn their support for the school in the wake of Tom Murphy leaving and Ward Churchill coming. Last fall we faced questions about Susan Rosenberg, and since then the national media invaded the campus in wake of Ward Churchill's expected appearance. In talking to CNN, Fox News and CNBC, many of the students interviewed were forced into defending the critiques, missing the chance to share the virtues of Hamilton College.

Perhaps the bursting of the proverbial bubble is not the worst thing that could have happened. This may be a chance for Hamilton to begin to rebuild a reputation that has been continually damaged over the past two and a half years, and more importantly, to reevaluate the importance of community and sticking together. The loss of Professor Wertimer was unfortunate, but at a time such as this we can look at a man like Sidney and realize why we all came to Hamilton in the first place. Now is the perfect time for Hamilton to reclaim its place in the world of academia, and reestablish the fundamental values that made Hamilton stand out on the national stage.

Perhaps the recent negative media attention has forced us to bottom out, and the road back to the top of the mountain is a challenging traverse. However, the hardest jobs are the most rewarding, and reclaiming our place at the top of the college rankings would certainly make Bill O'Reilly and the rest of the media think twice before using our campus as fodder for ideological wars ever again. A united community can overcome this. The bubble has burst, but living under a bubble for too long is not a good thing. In its place we can collectively create something new– a web of loyalty to and pride in our College, not to shield us from the world, but to set us up for living in the world beyond the Hill.

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Students, faculty, staff participate in discussion on Churchill

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on this issue by stating her first point, that "Ward Churchill...accepted an invitation by the Kirkland Project last summer...as part of a panel on prisons in the Project's "Class in Context" series." She went on to comment that he had previously spoken at other respected institutions such as Swathmore, Colby, Williams and more.

She next discussed how, in December, a Hamilton faculty member found controversial remarks that Churchill had made concerning the victims of 9/11. According to Stewart, the remarks "were shared with the Kirkland project, which desired to go ahead with the scheduled visit."

Following the discovery of these remarks, Stewart stated that Dean of the Faculty David Paris and she began to work with the Kirkland Project to redesign the event to "include two faculty members to assure some balance." It was then that it was changed to a discussion panel.

Stewart's fourth point in her chronology was that on January 21, *The Spectator* carried a story entitled "Controversial speaker to visit campus," which brought national attention to the debate surrounding the event and "led to more than 8,000 emails" from people around the country either in support of or against bringing Churchill to campus.

She went on to say how only 10 days later she heard from Churchill's wife about threats of violence and death against him if he spoke at Hamilton.

In her final point she discussed how serious the violent threats that she had received against faculty and students truly were. Stewart stated that she "reluctantly cancelled the panel out of concern for safety of students and guests."

President Stewart then turned the discussion over to Dean Paris, who explained how it would work and expressed his hopes that those present "think of this as a discussion for the community" and that they "try to have a respectful dialogue about what's been a very difficult time for the community."

He and Stewart then proceeded to call on students, faculty and staff members to begin the discussion. Comments were plentiful and came from those with varied opinions and on completely different sides of the issue. Stewart and Paris took turns responding to questions and comments, and by the time the discussion was underway, different members of the faculty, staff and student body would also stand up to answer a question when it was pertinent.

Many students expressed concern as to whether or not this controversy has done permanent damage to Hamilton's reputation.

Justin Parker '06 gave voice to this particular concern. "I was hoping you could assess the long and short term effects [of the Ward Churchill controversy] on the College," he said, more specifically in terms of "alumni contributions [and] admissions."

"We've heard from quite a few donors and supporters," said Stewart. "We've also heard from students that say that they're not interested in applying now." She went on to say that "it's very hard to judge those effects" at the moment, but that the College has been taking action to counteract any negative ones.

"We're doing our best to reach out to [donors and supporters]," she added, and "we have a letter going out to the alumni."

Other students had similar concerns. "How are we going to combat our image to the public?" asked Amanda Pooler '08, and "how can we keep this from happening in the future?"

In response, Stewart expressed the hope that the College would continue to bring in "controversial speakers" and "speakers who stimulate thought."

Some students took the opposite stance from Pooler and did not agree that this controversy had resulted in a negative blow to Hamilton's image. "I wish we would invite more controversial people," said Ann Horwitz '06, "I think us all being here right now...is good evidence that Hamilton is going to be fine...ultimately I think any publicity is good publicity."

Other students wanted to know if there were going to be changes made in the process in which speakers are invited to come to Hamilton. According to Paris, this is an issue that's still being discussed, but the question of academic freedom has been intricately involved.

Some questioned whether or not the ideas of academic freedom and free speech were pertinent to the Churchill controversy. Lance Aker '07 "We were almost giving him a form of legitimacy by having him here," said Lance Aker '07, "I don't see this as much of an issue of free speech as other people have made it out to be."

"I didn't like his remarks [regarding the victims of 9/11], but the role of inviting people is an academic freedom role," responded Stewart. She went on to add that "we were also aware that [Churchill] had previously spoken at Swarthmore, Williams, Colby, McAllister" and other respected institutions, so it was not simply Hamilton who, according to Aker, was "giving him a form of legitimacy."

The first applause of the evening went to Cassie Magesis '07, who turned what had previously been more of a question and answer period into the discussion that it was designed to be by responding to fellow classmate David Sands '07.

"I think it's fair to say that it was a mistake to invite ward Churchill," said Sands, "I was just wondering if any of the people responsible for the invitation were going to apologize."

Magesis countered Sands' statements: "in response to what Dave just said, first off Nancy Rabinowitz [director of the Kirkland Project] had an op-ed in The Spectator last week."

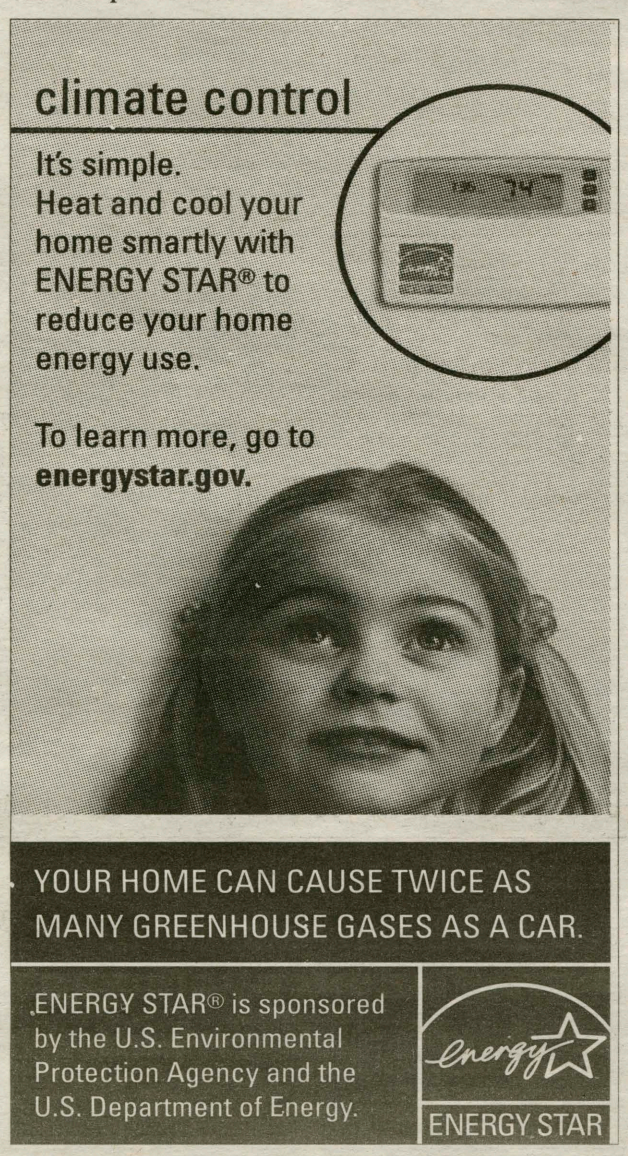
"One of the main things that Hamilton teaches us to do is critically think and take two sides of an argument," Magesis continued. If this is not done, then "we're not really getting an education...that's how we learn things," she said, "We don't learn anything to say that he can't come...we learn by saying that we trust our students enough to decide for themselves."

The discussion soon turned to the topic of hate speech, and some students questioned whether or not Ward Churchill's remarks constituted hate speech. Aker compared Churchill's remarks to an incident that happened on campus earlier this year where a student received incredibly hateful threats against his life.

That student then took the floor to respond to Aker. "There is a difference between getting a note that threatened my life and Ward Churchill saying that those people deserved their deaths," retorted Thomas Acampora '05. "I do think that hate speech is a terrible thing," he continued, "I don't think that ward Churchill was making a threat to anyone at Hamilton college."

While earlier in the discussion some students and faculty had expressed concern over the loss of alumni contributions and the damage that this controversy has done to Hamilton's image, some alumni feel more dedicated than ever to their alma mater. "I'm inclined now to give more generously," said Winslow Professor of Physics, Emeritus James Ring, Class of 1951, "I think from what I've heard here today and what I read in The Spectator there's been a lot of ...responsible discussion...and that, as several people have said, is what liberal education ought to be all about."

The discussion was brought to a close around 5:30 p.m. due to time constraints, although it appeared that many still enthusiastically desired to give their opinions and thoughts on the matter. Paris had a few words to say to close the discussion: "As I've talked to trustees and alumni, one of the things that I've constantly reminded them of is how well the students handled this." He went on to say that students, faculty and staff should be "reminded of this today" during the insightful discussion they experienced.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"How old shall I be then?"
"Ninety-nine."
Pooh nodded
"I promise," he said.
Still with his eyes on the world Christopher Robin put out a hand and felt for Pooh's paw.
"Pooh," said Christopher Robin earnestly, "If I --- if I'm not quite---" he stopped and tried again--
"Pooh *whatever* happens, you *will* understand, won't you?"
"Understand what?"
"Oh nothing." He laughed and jumped to his feet. "Come on!"
"Where?" said Pooh.
"Anywhere," said Christopher Robin.

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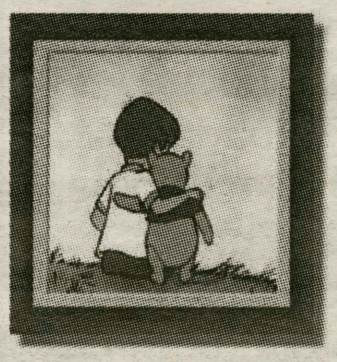

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Rabinowitz steps down as Kirkland Project director after eight years at the helm

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ing engagement.

When questioned about the payment on Wednesday morning, College President Joan Hinde Stewart and Executive Director of Communications Mike Debraggio stated that, to the best of their knowledge, Churchill had not been paid and that he had waved his fee.

Debraggio told The Spectator Thursday afternoon, however, that "It was President Stewart's belief that Ward Churchill had waived his fee...She has subsequently learned that the Kirkland Project initiated payment to Mr. Churchill. The College is looking further into the matter."

Debraggio and Dean of the Faculty David Paris stated Thursday evening that they believed the Kirkland Project had sent the check after the cancellation of last Thursday's panel, "Limits of Dissent."

Paris, however, warned against automatically associating the discovery of payment with Rabinowitz's decision to step down.

"I wouldn't want to make that particular connection because the temptation would be that those are cause and effect, which is not the case," he stated.

Debraggio stated that it's not unusual for the College to be unaware of payments authorized by College organizations, departments and programs, but he emphasized that the Kirkland Project "initiated the payment on their own." He was unaware of the current status of the payment.

Associate Professor of Art History Stephen Goldberg, who participated in Wednesday evening's HAVOC panel addressing academic freedom in the wake of the Churchill cancellation, would like to see the Kirkland Project examined more closely.

"I think this was the correct thing to do under the circumstances. We should now move ahead with a thorough review of the history of the operations and governance of the Kirkland Project, and an audit of its financial accounts and the expenditures of monies, to be conducted by an outside panel of reputable scholars," Goldberg said.

Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier, who has been a vocal critic of The Kirkland Project's invitation of Churchill and who initially alerted College administrators and later The Spectator of Churchill's comments, had praise for the work Rabinowitz has done at Hamilton.

"Although Nancy and I disagree about some issues, I admire her commitment to students and the College. Lost in recent controversies have been the many excellent events she has planned over the years," he stated.

The Elihu Root Peace Fund Associate Professor of Women's Studies and Director of the ACCESS Project at Hamilton College expressed praise for Rabinowitz and anger over the situation that led to her stepping down.

"Over the past three decades, Nancy Rabinowitz has done more to educate, challenge and inspire students than any single professor on the Hamilton College campus... Professor Rabinowitz's decision to step down as the director of the Kirkland Project represents a profound loss to our community," she stated. "Those who have worked so insidiously to hurt the Kirkland Project, Professor Rabinowitz, and by extension students and the college as a whole, should be ashamed of themselves. In my view they are quite simply not educators and not worthy of membership in this wonderful institution."

Paris was positive about Rabinowitz's work during her tenure leading the Kirkland Project.

"She's served the Project well for eight years, founding it and keeping it going. We're currently reviewing The Kirkland Project given the string of recent controversies going back to last semester. She believed it was in the best interest of the College to step away from the Project at this time. I respect the work that she's done in developing the Project and her decision," he stated.

The College's official position, as issued shortly before 11:00 p.m. Thursday evening by Debraggio, was more brief: "The College looks forward to moving ahead with the interests of the students foremost in mind."

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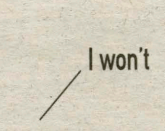

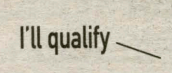

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Insights & Ideas

Keep it in the family: making Hamilton issues national issues

by Britten Chase '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

It's not that I don't want to write about Ward Churchill.

No, wait.

It is that I don't want to write about Churchill. The cool thing about writing for the paper is that I think I am hilarious and I get a kick out of myself in print, but also that when I write about issues like Churchill, the three or four people who read my articles (that aren't my suitemates) come up to me and ask me about the issue. So I like to be informed. Sometimes I get a little too informed. And if I try and think about the Churchill situation anymore, I may seriously hurt myself.

No joke. People are worried about me. It's not good to get hurt during what I refer to as The Holy Season (what most people refer to as spring sports tryouts).

So, I'm sorry. I tried really hard to write about something else. I was going to write about the nice weather we had (where are we and what did they do with Clinton, NY?), but then it snowed (never mind...found it). So I went to my trusty backup plan of watching the news because I can always count on the fact that if there is not something amusing going on at Hamilton (rare), there has got to be something to write about nationally.

So I flipped to CNN. Replay of interview with Churchill. Blast.

I flipped to MSNBC. Interview of Joe Scarborough about...Churchill. Damn.

I flipped to FOX News. Then I thought better of it.

It's easy for us to bury our heads in the snow, even though there's only a few inches and it's kind of crusty and dirty. We can pretend it's over. But the national controversy is still alive and... well, we're still losing at the PR game.

The question we should now ask ourselves is, "Selves, this dude went to tons of other schools and spoke without the assistance of a bulletproof vest. Why is everyone focusing on Hamilton?" And the answer is easy.

They hate us.

Just kidding. But maybe not. Anyway. The administration is trying to get to the bottom of this. The alumni that still support Hamilton (all three of them) are trying to regroup. The students are doing what students do best (make T-shirts). And the faculty moved on to the next phase of intellectual discourse on the Churchill issue, which from what I can gather is something of a mix between a townhall meeting and Celebrity Deathmatch. And that's not funny. Unless you start to think that a true solution to this issue may be obtained if each side picks a spokesperson on the issue, we dress them up in those fat-sumo-wrestler outfits, and, you know, see what happens.

Seriously, though. It's not funny.

Here's what else is not funny. There is an interesting phenomenon going on at Hamilton that started two years ago with the Amazon/plagiarism controversy surrounding President Tobin. It was a big (read: kind of funny until people got fired) issue at a small school in a small town that no one had ever heard of and if they ever visited, would wonder why they cared at all. But somehow I got a call from my parents in Denver, Colorado, wondering why my school was on the front page.

Then there was Rosenberg. She had been out of prison for four years and a professor at another institution, and no one cared that she was corrupting the minds of youth for a long time before she got here. Then she was on America's Most Wanted Liberal.

And then Churchill.

Now, I don't want to go around accusing people. I would like to simply float the suggestion that Hamilton is a small, close-knit community, we can all work together, we all have the college's best interests at heart, love may or may not be involved between us, please stop going to the national media with our own problems.

For real. I don't know who is getting outside influences involved in Hamilton's affairs. I imagine that it's been different people for all the controversies we have had. And I don't know if these people are really trying to help Hamilton, or if they are insecure about their own voices on the Hill and need to make a big scene to make a difference or if they are just trying to prop themselves up in the world.

But in the words of some great scholars (the Dixie Chicks), "If I fall, you're going down with me." The actions of a few have hurt us all. A minority was unhappy with the way things were going. They chose not to solve the problems within the institution itself, but to essentially coerce the school into going along with them by bringing the media in to spin the situation into any way shape or form that would increase ratings. That didn't allow for the minority to be heard. In fact it caused everyone on Hamilton's campus to lose control of the situation.

The coverage caused alumni to freak out. Which is fair. Imagine if you were alumni and your only way to follow Hamilton was through the alumni magazine now supplemented by FOX News. You'd be clueless too.

It caused potential students to withdraw their applications. Which is also fair. They were probably wondering what their degree would be worth if Hamilton was no longer a credible institution, same as many of you are wondering. I figure my Hamilton degree is equal in value to what I have gotten from Hamilton in the last four years. And I've gotten a ton from Hamilton. Including dialogue with the president, the dean of faculty, almost every professor I've ever had and some decently intellegent students about this issue. They can say what they want about Hamilton, but I know my pals over at the University of Colorado at Boulder are having to deal with this exact same controversy but they won't ever get to talk about it with the chancellor. These are the kinds of experiences that make my degree worth it.

But that may just be me, and in four months time I'm going to be poor and crashing on your couch.

Henry Kissinger once said, "University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small." Well if they're small for us, they're even smaller for those that think the name of our president is jhstewart@hamilton.edu. Honestly, Churchill coming or not coming was not going to be a story I would recount to my grandkids on my deathbed. Before the media storm and rampant threats of violence, it was going to be a speaker on Thursday night. We have a lot of those. It was never going to have life-changing impact on us. Going to the media allowed for people to severely damage a community they had nothing to do with. They could e-mail their disgust and move on with life. It had no consequence to them. But it will continue to have drastic consequences for us.

A recurring post-Churchill theme has been that we have been really upset that no one trusted us to listen to a speaker and make our own decisions. I believe that we all have that capability. Otherwise we wouldn't be here. But I also believe that we have the ability to listen to everyone so we can solve disagreements together. By ourselves. Without the assistance of the Wall St. Journal editorial staff or Bill O'Reilly or the tickertape going across the bottom of the CNN screen.

Thumbs Up

-Asking people if their erratic behavior is due to hard, highly illegal drugs (i.e. Are you on meth again?)

-Attorney General Ashcroft is gone, peace dude.

- Buffergrams - an excellent way to annoy your friends by waking them up at 8a.m. to a bunch of sketchy singing dudes.

- Booze tastings for FebFest. And How.

- Hardcore IM BBall victories - I would've had a double double if the second double were comprised of steals, assists, rebounds, and hustle points.

Thumbs Down

- The North Side of campus' power outage making us feel like checking email is as addictive as crack.

- This snowstorm reminding us that it's not spring for another 5 weeks.

- Being attacked when you walk through Beinecke at noon by table after table of harassment.

- Slow bridge walkers. Giddyup buddy.

- People with class twice a week.

- The bookstore closing due to the power outage - how am I supposed to buy booze if I lost my ATM!?

by Bill Chenevert '05

Who Cares?

- TDX/PBX - party for Tsunami Relief!? Are you serious? Maybe we should collect North Face fleeces and SUVs for donation too.

- Senior portrait pranksters - it's clearly never been done before. See you at 8:16am.

- The Saranac Brewery tour at 1p.m. on Saturday. A smelly, nasty walk with weirdos to force down two free beers. Thanks though, Dad.

- Hey, you've got some ash on your forehead.

Liberal Discriminations

by Benjamin Noble '08
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Senate Democrats have always obstructed Republican presidential nominations, especially minority nominees. Liberals cannot fathom the idea that any member of a minority group could possibly be a conservative. It is hard to imagine a conservative minority from the standpoint of the Northeast, but they are out there. They are often the most prosperous and successful members of their races who have risen to the tops of their professions. Unfortunately, conservative minorities in law and government are impeded by partisan politics. This is the present case of Condoleezza Rice and the past case of many others.

Dr. Condoleezza Rice has an extraordinary history and record. Fighting against racist adversity her entire life, Dr. Rice has climbed to the top of both the education profession, as a professor of political science at Stanford University, and the public policy profession, as National Security Advisor for President George W. Bush. She is the most qualified person for the job of Secretary of State and has the support of the majority of the Senate.

Regardless of Dr. Rice's support, expertise, and stellar qualifications, the radical Senate Democrats are doing everything in their power to hold up her confirmation vote. They are doing the same thing they have been doing during the last four years and the years of past Republican presidencies. This last Tuesday, the Senate Democrats held up the full Senate conformation vote in order to have a nine hour debate. What is even more ridiculous is that one of the two senators who booked this debate was none other than Senator Robert Byrd (WV-D)-a former KKK member.

The decision to go to war with Iraq in March 2003 and the postwar violence are the main reasons for the delay of Dr. Rice's confirmation. It is the wavering will of the Democrats to continue the mission of spreading freedom to the Middle East that is causing the delay. Irresoluteness and indecisiveness seems to be the main foundation of a lot of Democratic actions.

Although the Senate Democrats have made up phony reasons for their obstructionism to mask their discrimination of conservative minorities, liberal racist political commentators and cartoonists have not. Liberal racist commentator John Sylvester on November 17, 2004 called Dr. Rice, "Aunt Jemima" on his WTDY radio show. The same kind of racism was being printed as political cartoons. Liberal racist cartoonists Jeff Danziger and Pat Oliphant emphasize Dr. Rice's black features and rural southern dialect in their cartoons during her Senate confirmation hearing. Danziger and Oliphant are prominent cartoonists who contribute to The New York Times and Universal Press Syndicate, respectively. Sylvester, Danziger, and Oliphant have all not been criticized by the main stream media and major minority groups.

Liberal racism does have precedence. The obstruction of conservative minorities by the Senate Democrats and the discriminatory actions of liberal commentators and cartoonists has happened in the past; with all too much frequency. Some examples of past Senate Democrat obstructionism and liberal media racism are in the cases of Alberto Gonzalez, Miguel Estrada, Janice Rogers Brown, and Clarence Thomas.

Liberal discrimination and racism is a paradox. At first glance it seems completely false, but with further study, it turns out to be true. Liberals are always seen as champions of diversity and civil rights. But if that were true, then where are the civil rights activists? Where is Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Al Sharpton, the NAACP, and the Hispanic American interest groups? Why are they not fighting for Dr. Rice currently, or for Gonzalez, Estrada, Brown, and Thomas in the past? It is because these civil rights and minority activists do not represent their entire race. They only support liberal minorities. They do not support conservative minorities because they are seen, by liberals, as traitors to their race. Liberals are buying the minority vote and reaping the benefits of keeping minority groups down. This is absolutely appalling and it just shows liberal arrogance and hypocrisy!

Your degree is fine

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

It's been a long time since I've written anything of length for *The Spectator*. A few weeks ago I'd spent a good period of time pondering another one of my (frighteningly often now) senior moments. This moment came about both inside and outside of the classroom as I found myself feeling alarmingly mature vis-a-vis my younger underclassmen friends and peers. To be blunt, I'm feeling like we spring seniors are pretty much the smartest and most mature students on the Hill. Deal with it freshies - you'll have your day.

Fear not loyal readers, I will throw my 2 cents into the ring concerning Ward Churchill. But so, here's some advice from the sage senior regarding classroom discussion etiquette - if you feel like you've been talking too much, chances are you are: All the upperclassmen in the room are giving you evil eyes; do you feel them on the back of your chicly unkempt mop? Take it down a notch; it's very likely that you're falling into all the expected conversational booby traps - say something different, listen critically to your peers and then say something unique and insightful. GOSH. Please.

Now, imagine living in the bliss of a dope single for two glorious years only to break free from Residential Life's shackles of seriousness and responsibility to live in a six person room for my senior year. Issues have arisen. But this can apply to everyone. Now, pulling the room, I got the sick double, clearly the four sophomores get the quad, but nonetheless, going from no roommates to five has been a unique little experiment in social interaction. Sometimes people inexplicably get on your nerves ya know? Someone's style, someone's sense of humor, someone you love's habits can drive you straight crazy. How you deal with this crap is a true test of your maturity and strength of character. If you can micro-manage, hold your tongue even when you're THIS close to losing it, couch requests to shape your sloppy ass up in soft language, and keep in all your bitching for the appropriate time and place; you get an A+ in growing up.

Now, how do I bring Churchill into this article? Well how about this. What I think I've been most disappointed about is the seniors, who should be the most mature and brightest of the whole bunch, right? The seniors who whine about the value of our diploma when we leave - how selfish of you? Is that all you've been thinking about through this affair; how your employment will be affected? You've clearly missed the point of a liberal arts education at some point along the way. Use it to your advantage! Impress your interviewers by being articulate and well-versed about the issues! Or has Hamilton utterly failed you and you have been swayed by Bill O'Reilly?

I'd like to take a moment to thank the many professors and members of the faculty who took the time to write for Insights and Ideas over the past few weeks. Nancy's article, Jeff McCarn's reflections on morality, the four professors who collaborated for their two-piece contribution, Professors Simon and Werner on academic freedom and Professor Isserman's Malcolm X analogy were invaluable to me in informing my way of thinking about this whole affair. I do indeed feel prepared to impress were an employer to ask me about this scandal.

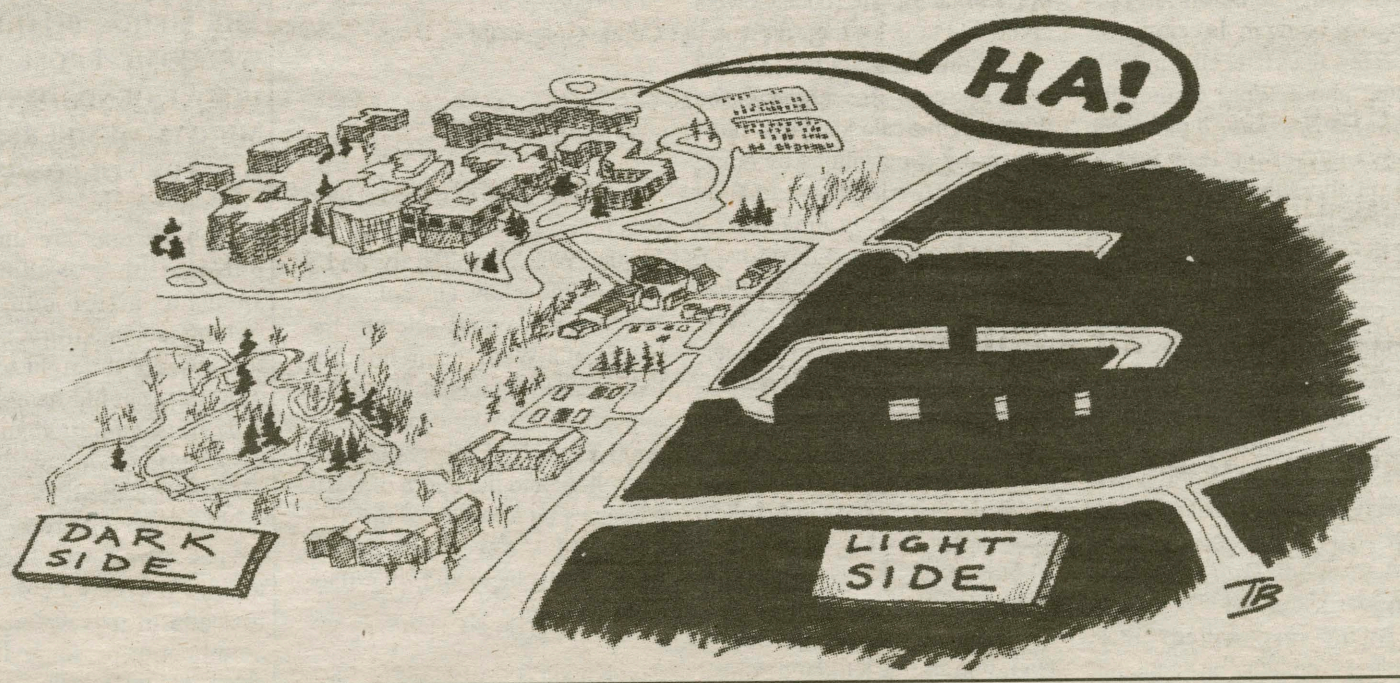
I applaud President Stewart's stance to protect the freedom of speech, even though I can't help but feel like this freedom is in danger these days. When did criticism of foreign policy and liberalism become anti-American? I thought thinking critically about our government and its activities was essential to a democracy. I've been known to take an optimistic stance to all of this because it's gotten us talking about some pretty interesting stuff: dissent, academic freedom, freedom of speech and the limitations of this freedom, the goal and execution of broadcast journalism as well as the nature and mission of Hamilton. Also, I'm beginning to realize that with thousands of colleges all over the country, Hamilton has to be known somehow - maybe there is no such thing as bad publicity.

Lastly, I keep hearing rumors, claims, and unfounded assertions about this debacle that emphasize young peers' ignorance, foolishness and misinformation. That rumor that applications have been withdrawn en masse? False. That the school's been put in dire financial straits due to alumni donors being lame? We'll survive and no one will remember what Churchill's about in a few months.

That Stewart was weak in canceling the panel because of these concerns or was afraid to bring the potential of violence to campus? Please. Campus Safety is not the Berkeley, CA police. Were you willing to get shot for Churchill's right to speak or because you feel so strongly that 9/11 was the most brazen affront to our fat, capitalist, ethnocentric and ballsy foreign policy in history? I doubt you are. Just imagine a Kent State incident here at Hamilton - 'the Hamilton Incident' which will appear in textbooks for the next fifty years. I will say this - Ward Churchill spoke to a packed, cheering crowd in Boulder on Tuesday and some friends and I caught it on C-Span the other night. He was an electric speaker and wildly popular. We missed out. But we as an institution cannot engage with the fools who called in the threats. Their ridiculous logic and phone calls may have ruined an ideal educational opportunity for many students, but our concern for safety only emphasized their asinine way of thinking.

Drawing Criticism

by Tom Booth '06



Common sense? An alumnus' perspective

by Bill Brower '84
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Our College has received a great deal of attention recently. The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, Fox Television, CNN and on and on. What a bonanza!? Alumni response has been significant, easily exceeding 1,000 emails, phone calls and letters.

Alumni opinion is running 70-80% against the invitation extended to Ward Churchill by the Kirkland Project. Those opposed are very embarrassed about their association with the College. Alumni, especially younger alumni, see the value of their Hamilton degrees deteriorating before their eyes as a result of a series of Hamilton "events" that have received national attention. With an alumni giving participation rate that ranks in the top ten nationally, Hamilton alumni are passionate about their alma mater. They don't ever want to see Hamilton hurt, especially by those who are entrusted to steward the College. Their embarrassment easily turns to anger.

Why, some alumni wonder, is Hamilton in the news when Ward Churchill accepts an invitation to speak on College Hill, but when he spoke at dozens of other colleges and universities he flew totally under the radar? How can Susan Rosenberg teach at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City without causing a ripple of media attention, yet when she is scheduled to come to Hamilton, it becomes a national media event?

On the other hand, some alumni wonder how politically tone-deaf a faculty member would need to be to extend invitations to Churchill and Rosenberg in the first place? And why would those faculty members stand by those invitations after it was pointed out that following through would likely damage Hamilton? Certainly Hamiltonians everywhere believe in free speech and academic freedom, however, most also believe there must be a thoughtful way to support those principles while also caring for our community and our College.

Why are faculty members who apparently feel no institutional loyalty permitted to hurt our College repeatedly?

As an alumnus and an employee, I believe that Hamilton has been and continues to be damaged by firmly entrenched voices of its own faculty on both extremes of the political debate. If the vast majority of our faculty, the men and women who stand somewhere in between, don't speak up and take a much more active role in faculty governance, faculty debate, faculty decisions and the affairs of our College, Hamilton will continue to be diminished by a few. The College will fail to attract the best new faculty and students, it will fail to retain those who are on the Hill now, and it will experience reductions in alumni support, both financial and in other areas. Our College's hard won reputation, earned via the effort and love of generations of faculty, students and alumni, will be tarnished for the foreseeable future.

Many of Hamilton's alumni are calling for Joan Stewart's resignation. This result would be grossly unfair. Joan should not take the fall for issues of faculty governance or for personal and ideological differences among faculty members that existed long before her arrival.

It's not enough for the faculty to say they support Joan's position on academic freedom. It's not enough for the faculty to congratulate themselves on how well teaching and learning is going here on the Hill. We are all proud of our students and the good work being accomplished in our classrooms. It's not enough to research and publish. We are all proud of the academic accomplishments of our faculty. This is not about freedom of speech, academic freedom or even academic responsibility (though we're getting warmer there). It's not about Ward Churchill or Susan Rosenberg. It's not about the left or the right. And it's not about what the administration is going to do to clean the mess up. This is about the Hamilton faculty.

This is a conversation about common sense. It's about a marked lack of institutional loyalty on the part of a few and complacent silence on the part of the many. It's about community and shared responsibilities. And it's about a College we love and want to be proud of again.

Yesterday the Hamilton family celebrated and remembered one of its most beloved faculty members and one of its most responsible and respected community members. It's hard to imagine Sidney Wertimer inviting a speaker to campus who would hurt Hamilton. It's hard to imagine Sidney being quoted in the press in a way that would be harmful to his College. Sidney was so much bigger than that. He loved Hamilton passionately. He defined community responsibility. He personified institutional loyalty without compromising academic integrity.

To the good women and men of the faculty, for the sake of so many who love Hamilton—employees, alumni, parents, friends and most of all current students—please don't let a handful of your own do additional damage to our College.

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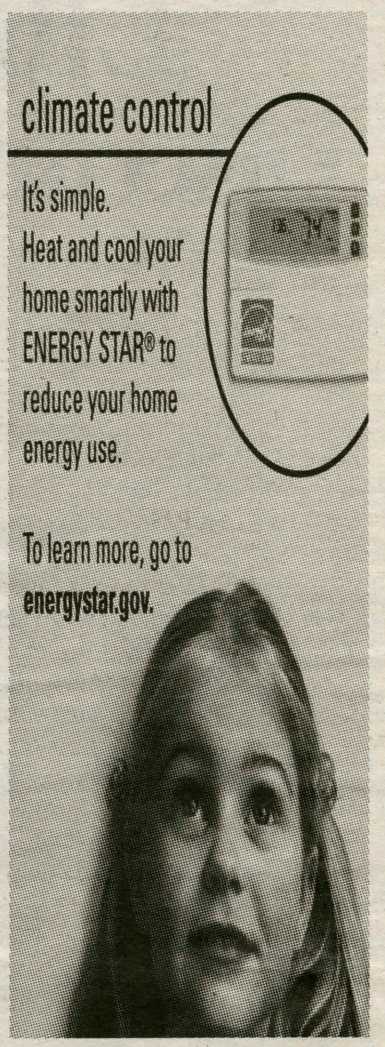
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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the stellar combination of faculty and administration on the Hill that have made Hamilton the laughing stock of the media in the name of poor taste disguised as academic freedom. I remember the days when we were surprised by stories like biology professor Bridget Boisselier and the Clonaid brigade creating Baby Eve and Eugene Tobin plagiarizing a Convocation speech for incoming freshmen. Now it seems Hamilton can't get enough of being in the spotlight.

A few days later after initially reading about Ward Churchill's visit in *The Spectator*, I picked up a copy of *The New York Post* to read on the subway during my commute home. Imagine my delight to flip through the pages and read the bold headline "HEAD OF THE CRASS" - and, underneath, an introductory paragraph reading, "An upstate college that once offered a job to a would-be terrorist bomber has now invited a professor who likened World Trade Center victims to Nazis to headline a panel discussion." (1) The next day came the *Wall Street Journal* in an article called "There They Go Again" that called "little Hamilton" "pathetic" in its attempt to "pretend to teach students about 'diversity' and the real world by carting in rent-a-radicals to indoctrinate them in the theater of outrage." (2) Then *The New York Times* chimed in, speculating over what had become of Hamilton's national reputation. Bill O'Reilly even devoted two segments of "The O'Reilly Factor" to the fiasco. There was the college's telephone number plastered across my television screen in large yellow letters on the FOX news channel, the familiar 315 area code viewers could call to voice their dissent.

I didn't think Hamilton could top the Susan Rosenberg fiasco this academic calendar year - but it defied my expectations by doing so in under two months. I am tired of reading about my alma mater's seemingly consistent missteps in the national headlines. There has been a large-scale protest outside of what was supposed to be a celebration of the college's benefactor in New York City. Joan Hinde Stewart and Nancy Rabinowitz have been referred to as "villains" on cable television. Churchill is now under review by his own employers at the University of Colorado.

The PR steamroller that is Hamilton and the Kirkland Project is slowly poisoning the college's reputation in the public eye in its support of free speech as a matter of principle. I view the next few months on the Hill with trepidation. Maybe the next gaff will be the one that gives Hamilton the extra boost past national notoriety and into worldwide infamy. Maybe things will settle down. Either way, when the dust clears, I only hope the events of this year have been worth the humiliation.

Sincerely,
Céline Geiger '04

As the uncle of a person who was murdered in the 9/11 attack on the WTC, my family and I want to know how any college in this country could tolerate the hatred of a Ward Churchill. Thr half-hearted cancellation of his appearence on your campus isn't good enough. The president of the school and the board of trustees owes an apology to the victims of 9/11 for even inviting him in the first place, and then they should resign.

Ron Knedler

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Features

Febfest 2005: Wally Gone Wild!

Events Calendar Saturday 2/12 thru Friday 2/18

Saturday, February 12th

3-5PM 1st Annual Out of the Classroom Studio Art Exhibition Reception in List. A catered celebration presented by the Hamilton Art Students League in celebration of the opening of the exhibition.

6-8PM ACS Lunar New Year Celebration in the Annex.

8PM Acapella Concert in the Chapel. Join Special K, The Hamiltones and Tumbling After for a FebFest kickoff event.

10PM-1AM Midnight Love, Valentine's Party in the Little Pub. Presented by the Brothers and BSU. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, February 13th

11AM-3PM JCTOD Valentine's Day Party by HAVOC

11AM Indoor Track Liberty League Championships

8PM Susan Werner and David Berkeley. CAB's Acoustic Coffeehouse series brings great acoustic music into the Filius Events Barn. Free with button, non-button/off-campus charge TBA.

Monday, February 14th

4:30-6:30PM Beer Tasting in the Little Pub. Join head athletic trainer Scott Siddon in some good ol' beer education. Sign up when purchasing buttons (60 people max for session).

Dinner Valentine's Day Dinner in McEwen and Commons.

8-10PM Class of 2008 Skating Party in Sage Rink. Slap on your skates and come on down to Sage Rink for some good, clean fun. Bring your own skates or use the free rental skates provided. Admission free w/button, 2$ without.

7:30PM Vagina Monologues in the Events Barn. A benefit performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" as part of the worldwide movement to stop violence against women. Presented by VOX and Students Against Sexual Assault (SASA).

10PM-MIDNIGHT Belgian Waffles in Commons. Follow your noses to Commons Dining Hall for some mouth-watering food.

Tuesday, February 15th

Snoccer Tournament (Day 1) Teams will engage in a brutal test of strength, skill and coordination as they vie for the prestigious title of Snoccer Champions. Contact Leanne Pasquini (lpasquin) to sign up.

4:30-6:30PM Wine Tasting in the Little Pub. Professor Steve Ellingson enlightens those of age about the elegant world of wine. Sign up when purchasing buttons (60 people max for session).

Dinner Taste of Italy in Commons.

6PM Women's Basketball vs. William Smith.

8PM Men's Basketball vs. Hobart.

8PM Battle of the Bands Showcase in the Annex. Checkout your favorite Hamilton bands strut their stuff. Free w/ button, 3$ without.

Wednesday, February 16th

Snoccer Tournament (Day 2) Fun-In-The-Sun-In-The-Snow continues. Just as brutal and chaotic as yesterday.
Igloo Building Workshop Session with Andrew Jillings. Learn the arcane arts of Igloo building and assembly with Hamilton's dashing Adventure Coordinator. Details and location TBA.

4:30-6:30PM Beer Tasting in the Little Pub. Professor Douglas Raybeck leads those 21 and over into a land of barley and hops. Sign up when purchasing buttons (60 people max for session).

Dinner Jamaican Cuisine in McEwen.

7PM Pizza War in the Annex. Mmmm.... PIZZA! Come and sample pizza from all the local hotspots. Eat your fill and then vote for your favorite. Free w/button, 2$ without.

8PM The Sex Matters Dating Show Game. Singled Out and Dating Show elimination format with two sexy Hamilton students as contestants. Prizes given to winners. Sex Trivia with free condoms provided by VOX. Hosted by the crew of WHCL's Sex Matters Show. Free w/ button, 2$ without.

Thursday, February 17th

4:30-6:30PM Wine Tasting in the Little Pub. Hamilton's very own Wine Tasting Club leads legally aged participants through a grape journey. Sign up when purchasing buttons (60 people max for session).

Dinner South of the Border Dinner in Commons.

8PM WHCL/IMF Concert featuring Q and Not U in the Annex. Clinton's number one radio station and Hamilton's finest indie rockers present a wild and danceable concert! Free w/ button, 5$ without, 10$ off-campus.

10PM Karaoke Night in the Little Pub. Sing your favorite tunes and have a blast. Sponsored by the Class of 2005.

Friday, February 18th

Powder Puff Football. Sponsored by the Class of 2005. Details TBA

10AM Women's Swimming and Diving NESCAC Championships in the Bristol Pool.

4PM Woods Valley Ski Trip. Professor Phil Klinkner will lead a ski and snowboard trip to nearby Woods Valley. Sign up in advance. $20 w/button or $25 without. Price includes lift ticket, transport, and food. Rentals and lessons will be available.

4-5PM ACS Asian Alcohol Tasting in the Little Pub. Enjoy samples of Japanese, Chinese and Thai drinks; Discourse on Japanese drinking etiquette and lager appreciation with Hamilton Professors Masaaki Kamiya and Douglas Raybeck. 5$ with button, 6$ without. 30 people max for session.

6-7:30PM Chocolate Tasting in Café Opus. Professor Ernest Williams leads participants in a chocolate extravaganza. Enjoy some chocolate delicacies before the fireworks!

6PM Women's Basketball vs. Vassar

7PM Men's Ice Hockey vs. Bowdoin.

7:30PM Fireworks on Minor Field. Fireworks provided by Auburn/Telstar Display Fireworks, Inc.

8PM Men's Basketball vs. Vassar.

Doug George-Kanentiio and Joanne Shenandoah present lecture "Love, Land, and Legends"

by Emily Lemanczyk '05
FEATURES EDITOR

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Doug George-Kanentiio speaks about the history of the Iroquois and the Oneidas and how they influenced Hamilton College, while his wife, Grammy-nominated Native American singer Joanne Shenandoah, looks on.

Iroquois activist Doug George-Kanentiio and his wife, Grammy-nominated winning Native American singer Joanne Shenandoah, presented a lecture at Hamilton College on February 9 titled "Love, Legends and Land Claims."

George-Kanentiio and Shenandoah discussed Iroquois culture and history and the problems the Iroquois people face today, especially issues regarding native language and casino deals.

Shenandoah began the lecture with a welcoming greeting in her language, which she called"very descriptive and very meaningful." She went on to discuss her own family lineage and how she is very much related to Hamilton College, as she is a direct descendent of Chief Shenandoah.

Shenandoah then gave a brief biography, explaining how she became involved in music; she claimed that as her native name itself illustrates her musical nature, she should have known long beforehand that music was her true calling. Shenandoah then offered a traditional Iroquois song to relax people and help them "leave all their worries at the door."

Doug George-Kanentiio then began his discussion on "aboriginal issues" and the history of Native Americans in this area. George-Kanentiio admitted that he titled his lecture "Love, Land, and Legends" to bring to light that conciliation and understanding does exist at Hamilton, especially in light of the recent (negative) media attention the college has received. These three ideas, George-Kanentiio claimed, are all intertwined and help "keep the Iroquois together."

"At the core of Iroquois being," George-Kanentiio stated, is the true affection of communities, the affection Iroquois have for one another and the love the Iroquois people have for the earth and the natural world.

"Two hundred thirty years ago," George-Kanentiio explained, "the Iroquois were trying to accommodate the creation of the United States." According to George-Kanentiio, the Iroquois tried to take a neutral stance in the conflict between the United States and Britain, but were eventually forced into taking a side.

George-Kanentiio provided an in-depth explanation of the history of the Iroquois and the Oneidas, and between Native American nations and the colonial powers and other local powers, including the Reverend Samuel Kirkland.

The problem, George-Kanentiio declared, is that neither the Iroquois nor the Oneidas stood unified against the colonial powers; instead, because of the factionalizing of nations, the colonists were able to further divide the Native Americans and exploit the various factions of Iroquois groups.

The true reason for this split, George-Kanentiio explained, was over land and territory; "people are torn about by war," George-Kanentiio stated. During wartime, many Mohawks and Oneidas were driven off their land.

George-Kanentiio then spoke at great length about Samuel Kirkland. Kirkland most likely had a deep love and respect for the Oneidas, George-Kanentiio explained, as he set up an institution that brought together natives and non-natives. By setting up the institution that would later become Hamilton College, Kirkland demonstrated his respect of Native American culture.

The dream of all Iroquois people is to become a nation once again, George-Kanentiio explained. This dream was very real even before all the recent litigation, and has been carried forth primarily by women, according to George-Kanentiio. "We need to revive our spirits and reestablish our relationship with the earth," he stated.

George-Kanentiio also emphasized that the Iroquois nation should set the standard and serve as an example for all others to follow, showing that humans can live in peace.

George-Kanentiio shared his distress over the loss of Iroquois culture; "linguistically, we're losing it," he stated. Also, the continued division of Iroquois "worries and sickens" him.

Regardless of the odds, George-Kanentiio emphasized, that the Iroquois people are "determined to hold on" and fight for their rights to the land, the history, and the culture.

The lecture was followed by an extensive question and answer session, where students and faculty members were able to voice their comments, questions and concerns about casinos, culture, Native American artifacts and a possible Native Americans studies program at Hamilton College.

Joanne Shenandoah concluded the lecture and discussion with an original song about Chief Hiawatha.

This lecture was sponsored by the Religious Studies Department.

Editor's Note: This story also appeared on the Hamilton website.

Asian Cultural Society to host Lunar New Year Celebration February 12

by Kristy Hague '05
FEATURES WRITER

To kick off the FebFest celebrations, the Asian Cultural Society (ACS) will hold a Lunar New Year Celebration in the Annex and Events Barn on Saturday night at 5:00 PM.

Highlights of the Lunar New Year Celebration include a night market, traditional New Year's games, performance showcases and a catered dinner. The evening begins with the night market, which features customary games used to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Japan, China, Vietnam and Korea. Students can play Yut, a traditional Korean game. Each player has four pieces on the board and the goal of the game is to be the first to race all your pieces around the board and get them off of it. Four wooden sticks act much like dice. A player throws the sticks and then counts the flat sides; the number of flat sides determines how many spaces a piece moves.

In addition to Yut, students can play Fukuwarai, a Japanese New Year's game. Fukuwarai has many of the same features as pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey. An outline of a face is tacked to a wall and blindfolded players are given facial features (like ears, nose, eyes, and mouth) and must pin these features on the face. Once a person has completed the face, he removes the blind fold and sees his masterpiece.

Aside from the games, the night market includes origami folding stations and samples of several imported teas. Also, ACS will sell handmade paper lanterns to benefit the CARE USA program, which gives funds for tsunami relief.

After the night market, the showcase of traditional Lunar New Year performances begins at 6:00pm. Kicking off the acts, Ellim Song '07 will play Korean songs on the keyboard and danso (a Korean flute-like instrument). Meghan Houlihan '05 and Sushrut Acharya '05 will stage a Uighur dance. Dave Cohen '05 will conclude the performances with musical pieces played on the dutar (a two-stringed, long neck lute from China), dombra (another two-stringed, long neck, lute-like instrument that is traditional in Central Asia) and gui

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CNY Winter: how to survive

by Kate Mayhew '05
FEATURES WRITER

Winter. It's the reason birds uproot themselves from their homes to make the long and vigorous flights South that can't possibly be anything but scenic at best. It's the reason bears spend months in cramped, leaky caves, eating nothing and choosing instead to live off of fat stores rather than face the unbearable cold. Bats, snakes, frogs...the list goes on and on. Evolution tells us that these animals are inferior-that, as humans, we are smarter, stronger, and generally a more intellectually and genetically evolved species.

So, why, many people ask, do Hamilton students choose to subject themselves to the same winters that most animals with an eighth of our brain size choose to hide from?

In the bitter spirit of winter therefore, the Spectator would like to bring you a small, yet spirited celebration of the things we, as a college, do to enjoy the arctic conditions. And if you were under the impression that there is, in fact, nothing to do in below-zero weather, well, you were wrong, my friends. And while sadly, freezing to death does not count as an activity, we here at the Spectator, hope that you will choose to infuse your winter with a bit of G-rated warmth, compliments of us.

My quest for good, clean winter fun began with the innocent freshmen. Truly "fresh" from the high school womb and not yet jaded by the intoxicating effects of the Hamilton College winter, I felt perhaps that these young'uns would provide the most sobering examples of college spirit and ingenuity. The winter will beat that out of them after a few years, but for now, snow is still a novelty.

Freshmen Grace Dobbyn says there's little difference between spring and winter activities at the college. She included "hanging out with friends, watching movies, going to the diner, and going to parties" in her impressively optimistic list of activities. Yet the 10+ feet of snow dropped annually on our hill also sets the stage for the brave and cold-blooded to engage in seasonal sports. Says Grace, "Personally, I also play Snugby (that is, snow rugby) every Saturday in the Dunham Quad."

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Now, a mild warning is in order: Grace's winter is the stuff of the adventurous and should not be attempted if you are concerned with the condition of your Uggz, your skin drying up like a raisin in the sun or that lovely thin sheen of sweat that develops under the five layers you wear on your way to class. For these individuals, the gym is a better winter activity. Says senior Laura Carrell: "The gym is the only way to stay in shape over the winter months. Plus, it's probably the best substitute for a social space the school has."

Others would argue that Root Glen ranks just as high as the fitness center when it comes to winter activities. Says junior Genevieve Davis "A lot of people go skiing or snow-shoeing through the Glen. I would say about 10% of the Hamilton community takes advantage of the winter season to do outdoor activities like that."

Senior Mark Rosvold seemed to agree, claiming that he wished he had used the Glen for such activities more often throughout his college career: "Sledding is something for which the Glen is perfect, but for which few people use it. The next time I'm in the Glen, admiring the scenery, I will have to remember to go sledding as well."

However, the winter is also a force that drives the masses indoors. And it is within the dorm that Hamilton students truly embrace the majesty of winter. Winter is a time of illness -- a favorite pastime of the college student, as it doubles as an excuse to ditch class. Freshmen Ali Fisher says, "I get mono in the winter, or at least this winter. So, I get to sleep and drink fluids."

And here we've touched upon one of Hamilton's greatest winter pastimes: sleep. Finally taking a cue from our earlier friend, the bear, the lack of sunlight provides the perfect setting to lull any college student to sleep-regardless of time of day.

Hamilton boasts a wide variety of productive winter activities of which even the strictest of parents would approve. I would like to assure readers that in gathering the input for this article, careful surveys, reporting and random sampling were used to develop the most accurate account of Hamilton student winter pastimes as could be humanly possible to obtain. What you have just read ranks as the most popular activities engaged in by Hamilton students during the winter months. Clearly, very little else goes on in the winter outside of the aforementioned winter sports, harmless gatherings and the crucially important sleep. We should be proud to call ourselves a campus of well-rested, health-conscious adults, whose pastimes enrich our winters with experiences that warm our hearts and bring us closer together.

Celebration part of FebFest

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lute-like instrument that is traditional in Central Asia) and guitar.

Following the performances, dinner will be catered by Syracuse's Secret Garden and Utica's East Dynasty Buffet. The entire Lunar New Year Celebration is expected to run until 8:00 PM.

The Lunar New Year Celebration has tremendous traditional value in Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, and Japanese societies. Although each culture has unique ways of celebrating the holiday, the Lunar New Year almost always emphasizes the importance of family. Also, the celebrations often offer a profusion of food and entertainment. ACS decided to sponsor this event because the Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean New Years all coincide this year. In China, the Lunar New Year Celebration traditionally takes place on the first full moon of the New Year. "We wanted to bring a greater awareness of Asian culture to campus," noted ACS member Lily Yu '07.

FebFest, Hamilton's week-long winter carnival featuring a number of entertainment activities, provided ACS with an ideal opportunity to provide the greater college community with more information about Asian cultural practices. The FebFest Lunar New Year Celebration helps ACS accomplish the goals laid out in their mission statement: "to heighten the consciousness of and to deepen the appreciation for the Asian cultures; to provide forums for the exchange of ideas pertaining to the political, social, economical, and cultural affairs of Asian people worldwide; to participate in events that will promote multicultural diversity at Hamilton College."

"I cannot think of a better way to start off FebFest than with Chinese food," noted one senior when asked if she would be attending the event. "It's good to hear that efforts are still being made to help out tsunami relief efforts and that people have not forgotten about this tragedy," said another senior. The Lunar New Year Celebration is free and open to the entire campus even without a FebFest Button.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

Jewish studies to be replaced
February 13, 1976

The Humanities Division, with the support of Dean of Academic Affairs Catherine Frazer, has called for the abolition of the Jewish Studies Program and for the creation of a new faculty position with teaching responsibilities which would be divided equally between general religion courses and Judaica Studies, according to President Babbitt.

Babbitt has rejected the proposal for a half-religion and half-Jewish Studies teacher but agrees that the concentration in Jewish Studies should be dropped.

Babbitt said he is considering creating some sort of "rabbinical" position, with part-time teaching duties in Judaica. Although he believes there is a need for some kind of Judaica instructor, he said he is "not convinced the pressure of enrollment in religion is so great" as to merit half a faculty position.

However, noting that Daniel Lasker, Instructor of Judaica, holds important ties with the Jewish community at Kirkland, Babbitt said that he does not wish that important role to disappear.

Protesters target marine recruiters
February 8, 1991

The first major anti-war demonstration in years hit the hill Wednesday, as up to sixty protesters opposed United States Marine Corps recruiters.

The event shook the campus as students, some with skeleton designes on their faces and others dressed in military fatigues, rallied in and out of Bristol Campus Center for nearly three hours.

Those depicting skeletons were sprawled out on the floor of Bristol for the duration of the protest, pretending to be casualties of war. Other protesters carried similar "dead bodies" in and out on stretchers.

The protester included students, faculty and area residents. Members of such groups as Hamilton Organization for Peace on Earth (HOPE), The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Alliance (GLBSA) and La Vanguardia composed much of the student contingent.

The protesters referred to the Bristol lobby as the "Guerilla Theatre" and two distributed "alternative" news information there.

Beinecke draws mostly favorable reviews after first semester of use
February 11, 1994

What is bright yellow, blue, and pink with windows everywhere? If you guessed the Beinecke Student Village you would have been correct. After one semester of operation, it has come to play an important role in the lives of everyone on campus.

The new multi-color building serves many purposes ranging from a social area to a study area. Designed by the architectural firm of Perry Dean Rogers & Partners, Beinecke serves as a link between the two side of campus at Hamilton. During the dreary wintery months, Beinecke welcomes the students with its warm atmosphere and cheery décor.

Most students feel that one semester after its opening, Beinecke has created a much needed social center on campus. One student summed up that feeling commenting, "Beinecke is an excellent unifying place." It brings the students of both sides of the campus together and encourages them to travel to the other sides of campus.

The new mail center provides adequate space after years of the cramped confines of the old mail center near Commons. Both students and mail center employees alike give high ratings to the new facility. However, the neon sign above the stamp window reading "Clinton 13323" has drawn less than favorable reactions from many.

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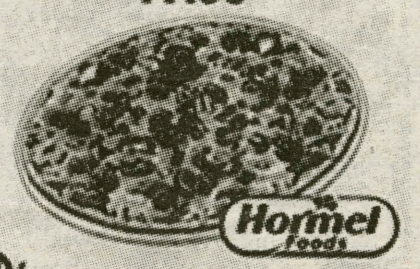

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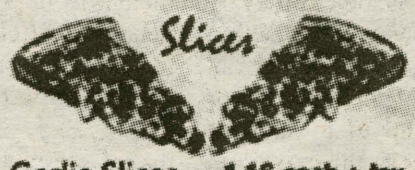

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Business & Economics

Finance 101... in the house like furniture

This week: retirement plans

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

With the future of Social Security in question, everyone should be aware of the government sponsored retirement plans available to workers. Many types of savings plans exist, but the most popular are Individual Retirement Accounts and 401 (k) plans. Both offer great benefits and will undoubtedly help you through retirement, but each has its intricacies, and the differences should be understood.

A Traditional Individual Retirement Account, or IRA, is a type of savings account. Anyone with taxable income can start an IRA, as long as they do not reach the age of 70.5 within a year. The account holder can contribute 100 percent of his or her income up to a value of $4,000. In 2008, the maximum contribution will be bumped up to $5,000. The contributions are made tax free, meaning that the government will not impose income tax on the money deposited into your IRA. In addition, your money will grow without capital gains taxes.

The stipulation with IRAs is that you cannot withdraw funds from your account before the age of 59.5 unless it is for one of a few specified situations. If withdrawals are made to pay for taxes, a disability, college tuition or the purchase or construction of a first home before age 59.5, no penalty will be imposed. However, if funds are withdrawn from an IRA for any other reason, the government will impose a 10 percent penalty. After age 59.5, IRA holders are not required to withdraw funds until they reach the age of 70.5. Then they must make minimum annual withdrawals. These rules are in place to prevent abuse of the IRA system.

A slight variation of the Traditional IRA is called the Roth IRA. With a Roth IRA, deposits into the fund are taxed at the account holder's normal income tax rate, but withdrawals are tax-free. This plan carries all the same age stipulations as a Traditional IRA and an account holder can choose when and how much (up to $4,000 per year) to contribute. Traditional and Roth IRAs are managed by investment professionals for a small fee, or can be managed by the account holder if he or she has sufficient market knowledge.

A completely different type of retirement account is called a 401 (k) plan. A 401 (k) allows workers to defer receiving income in order to contribute it to the plan. These contributions, called elective deferrals, can be 100 percent of the account holder's income up to $14,000. In 2006, the maximum contribution will be adjusted to $15,000. As in Traditional IRAs, the contributions are made tax-free.

The main difference between IRAs and the 401 (k) plan is that employers can also contribute to their employees' 401 (k) plans. An employer can make matching or non-elective contributions to their employees' 401 (k) plans of up to 20 percent of the employee's compensation or a maximum of $40,000. The age stipulations for 401 (k) plans are the same as for IRA's, with 59.5 being the age at which account holders can begin withdrawals.

Though 401 (k) plans sound tempting due to their large contribution limit, they must be sponsored by an employer. On the other hand, anyone with any taxable income can start a Traditional or Roth IRA.

For students with some taxable income, either a Traditional IRA or Roth IRA would be the best option. It is never too early to start saving for retirement, especially when programs like Social Security seem to be in limbo. Also, you would be surprised how fast your money will appreciate when properly invested in a diversified portfolio of financial instruments.

The future of Social Security

Part four: some criticisms of Bush's plan

by Tim Foley '06
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS EDITOR

In light of Social Security's impending financial shortfall, President George Bush has put forth his plan to partially privatize the system. For workers under age 55, he has proposed an option to deposit money into a private savings account rather than into the Social Security system. Bush's proposal, which would commence in 2009, is aimed at decreasing government payments to Social Security beneficiaries under the age of 55, thus relieving part of the national debt. Only proposals exist presently, but once a plan is ironed out, it will have to be passed through Congress, where every aspect will be debated.

First and foremost, Bush made clear that everyone born before 1950 would continue paying into and drawing benefits exactly as they have done for their entire working lives, and at the same rates. If no changes were made to Social Security, younger workers would be paying for the Social Security benefits of those currently 55 or older. However, if Bush's plan goes into effect and people start depositing money into private accounts rather than into Social Security, the government must find an alternate method of funding the retirement of those 55 and older. In all likelihood, this will be accomplished by borrowing money through a series of bond issues. *The Wall Street Journal* recently estimated that the government will have to borrow between $1 and $2 trillion to accomplish this goal.

Issuing bonds is not normally a problem, but the government is currently operating at a relatively high deficit level. In the extremely unlikely case that investors doubt the United States Government's ability to repay bonds, the bonds will lose value and cause tremendous problems for our financial system. In addition, Bush made no provisions for the estimated $1 to $2 trillion necessary for his Social Security plan to work in the recent Fiscal Year 2006 Budget of the United States. In fact, Social Security spending will increase by eight percent from fiscal year 2005.

Problems also arise when considering the effects of private savings accounts. Under Bush's plan, workers would be able to divert up to $1,000 of their income into a private investment account, managed by a recognized bank. On the upside, this would create an influx of business for investment advisors. On the downside, this would create new costs for workers, although Bush pledges to keep fees low.

Private accounts would be invested in stock and/or bond funds, which are susceptible to market fluctuations. Currently Social Security funds are invested in U.S. Treasury securities and produce a constant rate of return. Placing retirement funds into the open financial system could spell disaster if securities markets fell dramatically just before retirement. Again, Bush pledges that his final plan will have provisions for such unfortunate events, but this would be accomplished only by increased government spending.

In his State of the Union address, Bush contended that those who do not wish to participate in the private accounts could go on drawing from Social Security as workers have done for generations. What he failed to mention is the benefits will almost definitely decrease. While the process of paying into and benefitting from the program will be the same, Social Security payments will almost definitely be calculated in an alternative fashion to decrease government payments and relieve some of the United States' debt burden.

Finally, a major problem will arise if the nation's wealthiest tax payers choose to donate less to Social Security. Current payroll taxes take about 12 percent of salaries up to $90,000. If most upper-income workers opt out of the program, and low-income workers continue to draw full benefits, payments to needy retirees will be greatly decreased. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) estimates that Social Security is the sole income for about 20 percent of retirees. Those who wholly rely on Social Security have a very hard time just surviving, and if payments are decreased, the nation will be burdened by more elderly people living below the poverty line.

Quote of the week:

"The President's budget is a hoax on the American people." - House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi

Financial market summary: 2/3 - 2/10

by David Kelland '06
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Last week, I wrote about futures contracts and their uses to businessmen. Since little has developed in the financial markets over the past week, I will write a bit about options this week. In a futures contract, there are two counterparties. For example, Alexander agrees to buy 100 bushels of wheat from Benjamin for $4 per bushel on March 22 and Benjamin is required to sell that wheat to Alexander. An options contract simply removes Benjamin's obligation to sell that wheat to Alexander (or Alexander's obligation to buy the wheat from Benjamin). That is, Benjamin has the option to sell the wheat to Alexander. Because the option is to sell, Alexander is said to be the holder of a "put" option. A typical put option will give Benjamin the right, but not the obligation, to sell 100 bushels of wheat to Alexander for $4 per bushel on March 22. A call option might give Alexander the right to buy 100 bushels of wheat from Benjamin for $4 per bushel on March 22. Why is this useful? If Benjamin is going to grow some wheat over the next couple of months and he is concerned that the price of wheat might fall sharply, he can use the put option as a kind of insurance policy on his crop. If the price of wheat falls below $4/bushel, Benjamin can "exercise" his option and sell his wheat to Alexander at the "exercise price" of $4 per bushel.

An astute reader will ask the obvious question, why would Alexander sell this put option to Benjamin? Clearly Alexander must gain something from this contract. Benjamin, for the protection that the option grants him, will pay Alexander a "premium" for the option. That premium will depend on five factors. The first factor affecting the premium that Benjamin will pay is the current price of wheat. If wheat is currently trading at $10 per bushel, the likelihood that Benjamin will benefit from being able to sell his wheat at $4 per bushel on March 22 is much lower than if wheat were now trading at $3 per bushel. So, as the price of wheat declines, the premium on put options increases. The second factor that affects the premium of the put option is the volatility of the wheat market. If wheat has been trading between $9 and $10 for the past 5 years, put options granting the buyer the right to sell wheat at $4 will not be nearly as valuable as if wheat normally traded between $1 and $20. The third factor affecting the premium of the option is the "strike price." A put option allowing the purchaser to sell wheat at $4 (the exercise price) will always be more valuable than a put option allowing the purchaser to sell wheat at $3. The fourth factor is the expiration date, which is essentially the length of the insurance policy. The greater the length of the insurance, the more one will have to pay. The fifth factor is the interest rate, which is usually insignificant enough for me to ignore here.

While many farmers use options to manage their risk, traders buy and sell options to benefit from temporary inefficiencies in the market. By constructing positions like diagonal calendar spreads, Siamese condors, and butterflies, options traders manage their risk while exploiting pricing inefficiencies. For further reading on options check out *Options Volatility and Pricing* by Sheldon Natenberg or *McMillan on Options* by Lawrence G. McMillan.

Arts & Entertainment

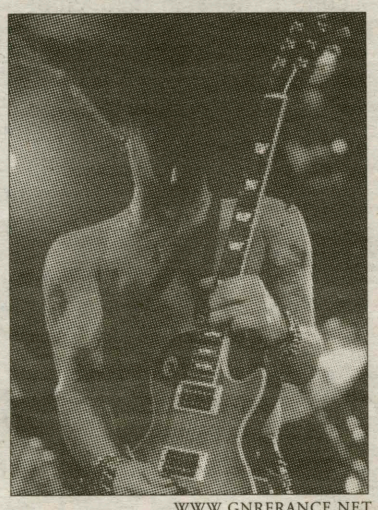
The School of Rock: guitar stance in relation to groupie theory

by Keenan Reilly '07
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COLUMNIST

Since their inception, Rock stars have been regarded as demi-god like sexual shamans. Hordes of sexy, young, and obsessed fans get stirred into frenzy when their leather clad Rocker of choice so much as grunts. This phenomenon is common knowledge in the modern world, and the young ladies who give their all are most commonly referred to as "groupies." In order to study the groupie, we must understand why when these fans gaze at the stage mortal musicians transform into supernatural icons of lust. We must also understand that every guitar wielding fool doesn't have the same amount of sex appeal. Furthermore, the appeal doesn't always correlate with his/her looks or playing ability.

Since before I can remember, I have desperately desired to become a rock star (preferably one with a massive following of loyal groupies). In pursuit of this dream I began to study the differences that separate the sex gods from the talented musicians. (I have been to more concerts than I can count, plus my live concert DVD collection is embarrassingly large) What I have found is a simple concept, but when perfected it will fulfill even the most insatiable sexual fantasy. As my title reveals, it is the jukebox hero's guitar stance during a solo that distinguishes him as either an erotic assassin or just some dude in a band.

This theory works for lead singers without a guitar; as well as the ever so overlooked bassist. (the drummer's sex appeal is a more primal desire more related to the energy of their playing and the kick of their bass drum). Front men who are solely vocalists attract the most attention from the little girlies for reasons beyond their stance, although it never hurt them to have a signature stance, lead singer stance theory is for another day. We are going to focus primarily on the guitarists (bass, lead, the same idea applies to them all).



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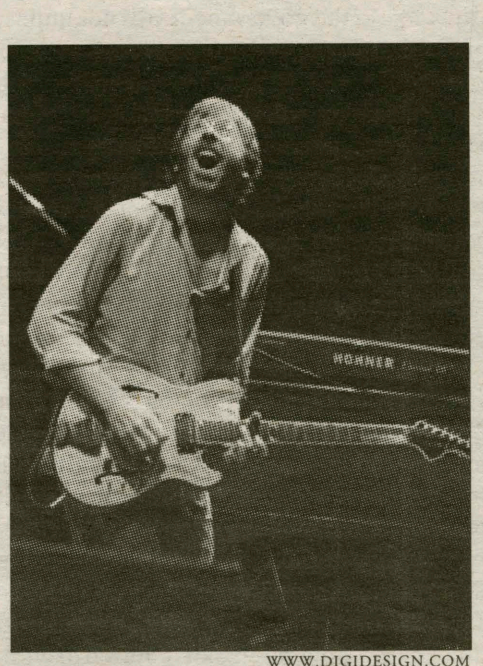
Holy crap. I absolutely cannot freaking believe how badass Slash is.

Guitarists are in essence modern aural gladiators. We know that the word gladiator comes from the Latin root word *gladius*, which means sword or penis. Therefore, if we look at it in this light, we can now determine that the guitar is an extension of the Rocker's penis, similar to the way in which the gladiator's sword was a symbol of his moneymaker. To get to the point, the best stance is comprised of very specific steps.

Initially, stand with your feet more than shoulder width apart (up to double shoulder width is ok, but any further would be awkward). Secondly, make sure your guitar is slung as low as possible. Thirdly, lean back as far as you are comfortable while shifting your pelvis forward and into the air. Next, lift your guitar so the neck and head are "erect" and pointing straight up, all while you rest the body of the guitar on your right hip. This position pertains to those who are right handed, so lefties just need to reverse the stance.

The final stage is the ear searing solo; however, while you play you must be sure not to make some ugly grimace. In the end, the more poker faced you are directly reflects just how many panties will be flying after the show. The only exception to the cool-faced rule is if you are building to a high note, then and only then is it OK to let the audience know the extent of your adrenaline. Slash is an example of someone who has developed a flawless stance. His laid back look, with a lit cigarette in mouth, a top hat on his head, as well as the way his curly locks mask any expression that could be seen on his stone cold face, are trademark to his stance.



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While he is a god at guitar playing, Trey Anastasio isn't exactly the coolest looking rock frontman on the block.

Although I don't need to remark on his groupie fan base, (if you know anything about him, you know that it is incredible) he partially owes homage to his stance for such a following. In contrast to Slash, I want to look at a musician on the other end of the spectrum, Trey Anastasio. Although I think he is a talented musician, he has the worst stance that I have ever seen. Before I go any further, for fear that I might offend everyone reading this, I want you to know that I have been to over twenty Phish shows, and I am a diehard fan. Regardless, yes, Trey Anastasio has the worst form, in terms of the guitar stance, that I have seen. His feet are always too staggered, and his back appears hunched forward, which forces him to lean over his horizontal guitar. Besides the previously stated flaws, his greatest flaw is the face he makes.

At first it looks like an awkward smile, but with closer attention you will find that it's a blend of the face you make right before you sneeze, and the squinty smile made by the less

*see **Guitar Stance**, p. 17*

Badass Musical Reviews: *The Gondoliers*

by Tim Mudie '05
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If you happened to miss the choir's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Gondoliers* last weekend, then you are probably feeling a profound sense of regret right now. Or, if you're not, you should be. Not many musicals can qualify, but oh man was this badass. What follows is a totally unbiased account by an A&E editor who may or may not also be a member of the choir. With ducal pomp and ducal pride, I present: *The Gondoliers* or, *The Most Badass Musical EVER*.

Now, I realize that many of you may be skeptical. "Tim," you might be saying, "Isn't it against the very nature of musicals to be badass?" To that, I say to you: yes. It is completely unlike a musical to be badass in any way. This is exactly what makes the choir's accomplishment so impressive. Practically anything can be at least marginally badass if you throw in some explosions and a car chase, maybe some dinosaurs eating people, but for a musical to be badass? That takes some work. Let's see how it was done, shall we?

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

The Duke of Plazzatoro: too badass to care that he's in this review. How droll.

Unlike many badass entertainments, *The Gondoliers* is not exactly short on plot. The two most eligible gondoliering bachelors in Venice have just gotten married. No one expects a Spanish Inquisitor to show up, but he does, with the news that they will all be burnt to death for their pagan beliefs. Wait... sorry, he informs the gondoliers that one of them is the long-lost heir to the throne of Barataria, which I'm pretty sure is made up. So, off the gondoliers go, leaving their wives and taking every man in the city with them. What they don't know is that one of them is also betrothed. Well, it turns out the neither of them is the King, but that a drummer-boy (who happens to be in love with the King's betrothed) is. So, it all wraps up very nicely. Oh, and at some point all the women also move to Barataria, apparently leaving Venice to the wills of time and nature.

But plot alone does not a badass make. No, what makes *The Gondoliers* badass is, well, almost ephemeral really. There's a vibe about it. The main gondoliers, Marco and Giuseppe are some smooth cats. They strut into town, able to pick any girl they want to marry and they decide to pick at random, just to seem more badass. Granted, they cheat, but they get away with it, even though it's blatant. And they're still down to earth. Even when they become a joint King, they stay true to their roots. You know who that's like? 50 Cent, that's who. And Curtis Jackson is one bad mother. Also, both Marco and Giuseppe were shot nine times. No wangstas, those two.

However, the absolute, most undeniably badass aspect of the musical is the dancing. Specifically, the male dancing. Don't get me wrong, the women danced beautifully, but it's natural to them. Men, well, most of us have two left feet, or in some cases, two right feet. Either way, we're not what you would call "naturally gifted." That's what makes it so much more badass when the men dance. "Yeah," they are saying, "We're dancing, but we're dancing to establish our dominance." In this way, we are like bees and certain birds. So when the male chorus comes marching onstage, shaking their hats and box-stepping, they are showing off their goods for the peasant women of Venice. Also, there's lots of fast singing, which is pretty badass, I suppose.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Our heroes, Marco and Giuseppe, immediately before they put their signature finishing move, the Gondolier Grapple, on an unsuspecting Spanish Inquisitor.

I could go on and on about the badass aspects of *The Gondoliers*: the Inquisitor who is so badass that everyone runs offstage when he comes on, the Ducal family, for whom the big male dance number is performed, etc. However, it's Thursday night and I have a paper due tomorrow. My bad. This has been **Badass Musical Reviews**. Next Week: *Beauty and the Beast.*

A critic's response

by Alex Taylor '07
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Forty Five Million Dollars: Money at the Metropolitan

"Forty Five Million!" shouts the Lotto poster in midtown. So too, alas, does the Metropolitan. Never one to shy away from publicizing the cost of art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art recently celebrated the successful acquisition of the last Duccio de Buoninsegna in private hands, the rarest of trophies, with a well placed article in the Wednesday *New York Times*. That a painting should cost close to fifty million dollars no longer surprises the way it once did, and in an era of the hundred million dollar Picasso, any number of works from the Met's collection might fetch more at auction. But it is embarrassing to watch the Metropolitan's gravitas give way to covetous euphoria. "We spent a long time looking at it," the *Times* reported Keith Christiansen, a curator of European painting at the Met, as saying. "It's not only an incredibly beautiful picture; it's also unbelievably moving."

Expensive, too. At a diminutive eight by eleven inches, Duccio's Madonna and Child is perhaps the priciest real estate in all of Manhattan, a gilded Tom Thumb for the town where a one-bedroom walk up costs more than most can afford. Although the spending of forty-five million dollars on a painting is cause for sober reflection, I suspect that the museum will not suffer long from buyer's remorse but continue on the path of its grabby bender. If Metropolitan director Philippe de Montebello's reference to Duccio as the "first slide in an art history 101 course" is any indication, the Met intends to possess every last canonical work still in private hands, a Jansen textbook writ large in stone. Never mind lowering the cost of admission to attract the very public of whose interest the museum often speaks; the Metropolitan grows ever larger, consuming objects at a rate that brings to mind the monster blobs of 1950's junk film.

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Who would buy this painting for $45 million? Someone who is very, *very* rich.

"It's a picture created for patient viewing," the *Times* reported Mr. Christiansen as saying, "And as you look at it, the image grows in your imagination." Yes, but it's not Duccio's revolutionary – and I use the word hesitantly – construction of pictorial space that so transfixes the viewer so much as the Metropolitan's mesmeric transmutation of art into gold. Painting as immeasurable capital, the museum suggests, leaving behind the Renaissance and with it the world of reason for the seven lost cities, Ali Baba's treasure and the Rockefeller clan.

Guitar stance is key

*From **School of Rock**, p. 16*

than aesthetically pleasing red headed kid from your neighborhood when it was too sunny outside. To say the least, it is an ugly face, but don't worry, Trey is still a Jedi. (Jedi are supposed to be chaste anyway, right?) To prove my theory, Trey is not exceptional with the ladies; the Phish DVD *Bittersweet Motel* speaks for itself. (Especially during Trey's golf cart-riding tour backstage of The Great Went festival) Also, the reports of Trey bringing girls to his trailer only to have them pick out his outfit for the next show, have surfaced to be anything less than rumor. Anyway, here are five essential songs to download in order to practice your air guitar stance. 1. "Alive", Pearl Jam 2. "Dazed and Confused", Led Zeppelin 3. "I Just Want to Make Love to You", Foghat 4. "Slither", Velvet Revolver 5. "No One Like You", Scorpions

This week's homework for the excessive life: Practice and utilize your ultimate bar stance to throw out that naughty vibe. Men: the stance is exactly like the guitar stance; just replace a guitar with your cocktail of choice. Ladies: your stance is what I like to call the "man eater:" stand with your two hands resting on the bar, arch your back to stick out your butt in the sultriest manner possible. Finally, and most importantly, look back over your shoulder at your target, and give him the eye of the tigress. I want full reports on Monday!

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This is a press release submitted by Christina Koshzow, editor-in-chief of College Prowler.

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Four cheetah cubs born at National Zoo in Washington

by Katherine Jurras '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Washington D.C.'s 115 year-old National Zoo finally revealed its first-ever litter of cheetah cubs on Friday, February 4. The 10-week-old cubs were born on November 23, and each of the four cubs, two males and two females, weighs approximately 10 pounds. The fluffy cubs are about the size of house cats, and will reach full size (75-150 pounds) in one year.

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When full grown, these cheetah cubs will be able to reach speeds of up to 70 miles per hour.

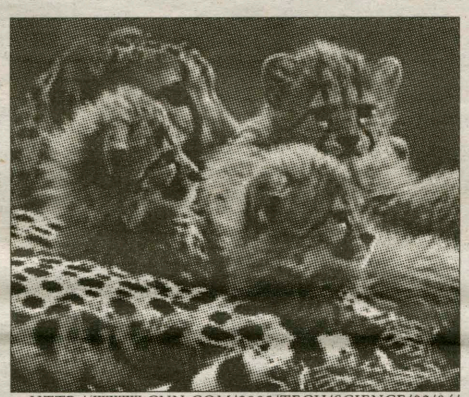
These cheetah cubs are particularly special to the zoo. Quoted on MSNBC.com, reproductive specialist Jo Gayle Howard stated, "It's very difficult to breed cheetahs so there are very few litters. This is why this is such a big deal." This litter was conceived naturally. Cheetahs are endangered, like a great number of the world's big cats, and it is extremely important to breed them in captivity. Once these young cheetahs reach their adult size, it is likely that they will be distributed to other zoos to participate in a breeding conservation program in order to ensure the continuation of this species.

Although they are among the least powerful of the big cats, cheetahs are known for their rank as the fastest animal in the world. They are able to reach speeds of up to 70 miles an hour, achieving top speed in only three seconds. These little cheetahs, however, have not quite developed the skill, and in the words of cheetah keeper of 11 years Craig Saffoe, "their brakes don't work so well," according to MSNBC.com.

Visitors to the zoo can now see the cheetahs romping in the snow along with their mother, Tumai. Although wild cheetahs of Africa would never be faced with snow, or even cold weather, according Saffoe, "they actually seem to like the snow." Zookeepers have been gradually introducing the cubs to the wintry conditions, allowing them to play outside for a few hours each day.

In addition to the obvious reasons, the National Zoo is thankful for these cheetah cubs because the publicity may help the zoo's reputation, which was recently damaged by scrutiny for several unusual animal deaths. Among the deaths, which were blamed on bad management and handling skills, were two red pandas that were killed by rat poison, a starved zebra and an elephant with tuberculosis that had to be put to sleep. The birth of these cheetah cubs by a large four year-old female on loan from the Phoenix zoo and a 12 year-old male who died of kidney disease soon after the cubs were born is the kind of attention that the National Zoo needs.

The zoo is holding a competition on its website to name one of the four cubs. The winner will become eligible to receive a tour of the Cheetah Conservation Station and will of course see the cheetah cubs in action.



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Cubs nap with mother, Tumai.

AIDS vaccine tested in India

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India, the second most populated country in the world, with the second-largest HIV population after South Africa, began its first human trials of a new vaccine against the devastating virus on Monday. While it could be eight to ten years before a final vaccine is developed, these initial trials are a major step and a ray of hope for the country where more than 5.1 million people are living with HIV/AIDS. This is an alarming number, considering 800,00 to 900,000 are infected with the virus in America.

A vaccine is the best hope for the country, where millions are unable to obtain drugs; however, efforts in developing an effective vaccine have been slowed because of the virus's uncanny ability to mutate.

HIV takes over human antibodies, which, under normal circumstances, fight harmful viruses and bacteria from harming the body. The virus infects and destroys the body's helper T-cells, enabling it to rapidly mutate and multiply; it essentially disguises itself to avoid recognition by the body's immune system.

Human trials of vaccines against different strains of HIV are being conducted in the United States, Europe, Africa and South America. The trials beginning in India are aimed at fighting the strain C, the most common type in India. They are being conducted in the western city of Pune at the National AIDS Research Institute.

These initial trials are not a moment too soon. Experts say the number of people living with HIV/AIDS in India could quadruple by 2010, despite health programs to encourage prevention. HIV has moved beyond the traditionally high-risk groups and into families, infecting mothers and children.

A lack of awareness may be a catalyst in the rapid spread of the virus; many do not even know they are at risk or infected. In fact, Tuberculosis is the primary indicator of the AIDS virus in over 60 percent of patients. The situation has become increasingly common in villages, with rural India making up 59 percent of the country's infections; 41 percent of HIV infections occur in the cities. The spread of HIV to these villages may significantly hinder agricultural development, which will seriously impact governmental policy.

People from rural Indian villages generally do not have the same access to information of HIV prevention and health care as do people in cities. Multiple sexual partners resulting both from infidelity and prostitution increases spread of the virus. In fact, approximately 50 percent of sex workers in India are infected with HIV. The spread of the virus to rural areas is also due to migrant workers and truck drivers who frequently travel between states and across borders.

Injection drug use is also a problem, especially in Manipur, which is located in the Northeast region of India; approximately 55 percent of drug users are infected with HIV.

The vaccine provides much hope for India; however, other prevention and treatment efforts are needed to control the situation, including counseling and raising awareness as well as providing adequate and accessible health care facilities.

Science Committee holds hearing on Hubble Telescope

by Caitlin Rochford '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

The House Committee on Science held a hearing last Wednesday, February 2, 2005, in order to discuss the future of the Hubble Space Telescope. Witnesses for this hearing included Dr. Gary Pullman, vice president of Civil and Commercial Operations at the Aerospace Corporation; Dr. Paul Cooper, vice president and deputy general manager of MD Robotics; and Dr. Joseph Taylor, Nobel Laureate and Distinguished Professor of Physics at Princeton University. The main questions discussed at the hearing were whether or not the continuation of the Hubble would lead to farther understanding of the cosmos, the costs and benefits of servicing missions, and if a new Hubble-based telescope should take priority for funding over other National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) programs.

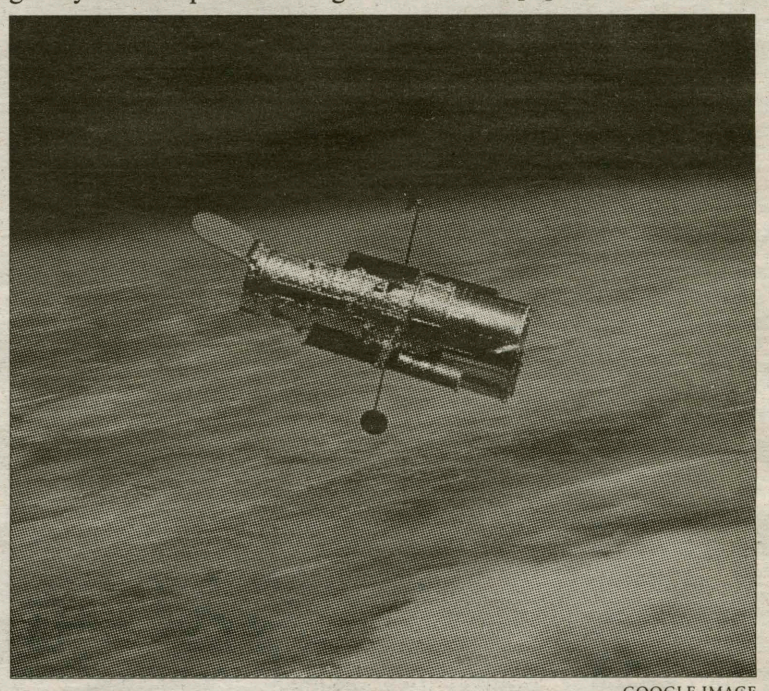
The Hubble Telescope, which was first launched in 1990 by the space shuttle Discovery, has been in orbit for the last 14 years. The Hubble's achievements have included measurements that lead to the establishment of the size and age of the universe, observation of black holes in the centers of some galaxies, and the discovery of proto-solar systems in the process of formation, according to the National Academy of Science. The Academy called the Hubble "arguably the most powerful single optical astronomical facility ever built" and "a uniquely powerful observing platform," which makes "profound contributions" to a great understanding of the universe.

The Hubble was originally only scheduled for a 15-year orbit, however NASA recently announced plans to extend its voyage until 2010, which would require extra maintenance to the telescope to keep it running. After NASA's announcement was made, the Science Committee planned this hearing to help prepare for the debate it would face after the release of the budget proposal on February 7.

The Committee named four different proposals regarding the future of the Hubble Telescope. The first proposal is to completely cease service of the Hubble. This would cause the telescope to stop working in about 6 years. The second proposal is to send a shuttle to service the telescope. The drawbacks of this proposal are that it would put in danger the lives of many astronauts as well as delay the creation of the International Space Station. The third proposal involves a robotic mission to the Hubble, and the final proposal is to add new technologies onto the existing telescope.

In his opening address to the Committee last Wednesday, Chairman Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) referred to himself as "agnostic" regarding what should happen with the Hubble Telescope. Boehlert, however, continued to say that he "would dearly love to save the telescope."

Now that the budget for Fiscal 2006 has been announced, the future of the Hubble Telescope will soon become clear. Boehlert concluded, "[T]his can't be an emotional decision or one based on what we would do in an alternative universe that lacked fiscal constraints or uncertainty. We have to make hard choices about whether a Hubble mission is worth it now, when moving ahead is likely to have an adverse impact on other programs, including quite possibly other programs in astronomy."



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Track and Field prepares for Liberty Leagues

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS EDITOR

Two school records were set in this week's track and field action at Colgate University's 17th Annual Class of 1932 Invitational, as **Chris Dunn '05** and **Kyle Graham '06** surpassed previous marks in the 800-meter run and the pole vault, respectively. On the throwing side, **Steven H. Butterhof '05** threw 14.43 meters to earn second place in the shot put, and **Brook Wolcott '06** placed third in the weight throw. The Liberty League championships occur in just two days for the Continentals, who look to improve on outdoor track and field's solid finish.

HAMILTON ROUNDUP

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

At Colgate University's 17th Annual Class of 1932 Invitational, the women's indoor track and field team was led by two sport superstar **Mara Dropkin-Frank '05**, who took third place in the 400-meter dash. Dropkin-Frank was followed by **Rachel Bennek '07**, who took fourth place in the event. Dueling freshmen **Jessica DeMichiel '08** and **Amanda Salisburg '08** finished third and fourth in the pole vault, respectively, to round out the day for the Continentals. Like the men's team, the women's indoor track team awaits the Liberty League Championships, which will be held at Hamilton College on February 13th.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Men's swim team was led by **Tim Reed '06**, **Christian Warner '07** and **Mike Salmon '06**, who each won two events in the Continentals dominant win over Division II Le Moyne College. Other event winners included **Todd Johnson '08**, **Tae Cung '05**, **Andrew Fink '05**, and **Ben Delia '05**. The team now awaits the NESCAC Championships, which will take place February 25th-27th at Wesleyan University.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Continental swimmers and divers came away with a victory against LeMoyne, behind strong performances by **Brittany Achin '05** and **Emily Clinkhammer '06**, who won two events apiece. Sophomores **Bevin Kenny '07** and **Samantha Pitter '07** also had big wins to help push the Continentals past the Bulldogs. Like the men's team, women's swimming and diving awaits the NESCAC championships held February 18th-20th.

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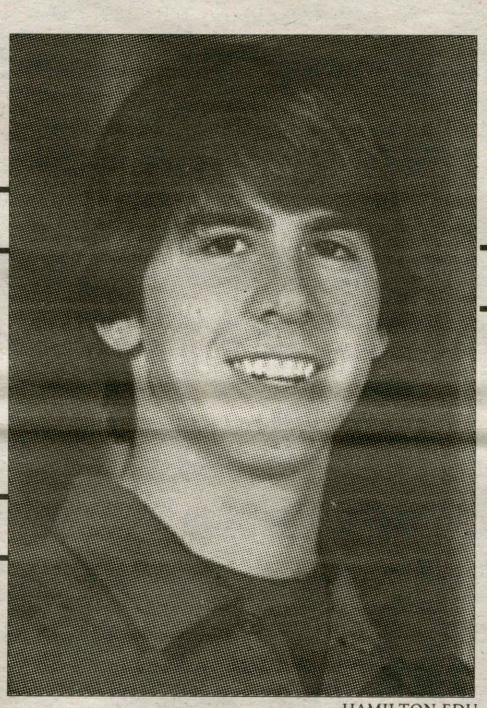
Caitlin Connelly '07



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Andrew Small '08

MEN'S SQUASH

The men's squash team beat up on the visiting Rochester Yellowjackets in a 6-3 showdown. **Andrew Small '08** and **Suleman Khoja '06** each swept the opposition, as Small earned his third Liberty League Rookie of the Week. Small commented, "the team is really fun and we're putting good results on the board, it is an overall good time." He added, "I've had a couple of tough matches and I was able to pull a few of them out in the end, so I'm just really happy that I've had the opportunity to play squash here this year." The team continued its success, this win marking its fifth in their past six tries, and heads into the Trinity Invitational with an overall record of 9-6.

WOMEN'S SQUASH

Beating Vassar and Connecticut College, the Women's Squash team extended their consecutive win streak to five games, as super sophomores **Casey Cook '07**, **Lindsay Walsh '07**, **Eileen Fisher '07** and **Monica Schwerin '07** led the way. Schwerin, this week's Liberty League co-Performer of the week, dominated in her match, and has been very pleased with the team's play thus far. "This year we have really pulled together," explained Schwerin. "We have just wanted it more, and wanted to be better. I am so happy with the girls on this team and the way things are turning out." The team , now ranked 18th in the nation, hosts crosstown rival Colgate University February 12th.

WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL HONORS

The Liberty League selected the following students for weekly honors: **Jessica Barrows '08** (Women's basketball co-Rookie of the Week); **Tim Reed '06** (Men's swimming and diving co-Swimmer of the Week); **Mike Salmon '06** (Swimming and Diving Diver of the Week); **Todd Johnson '08** (Swimming and Diving Rookie of the Week); **Chris Dunn '05** (Men's indoor track and field co-Track Performer of the Week); **Kyle Graham '06** (Men's indoor track and field co-Field Performer of the Week); **Andrew Small '07** (Men's squash Rookie of the Week); **Monica Schwerin '07** (Women's squash co-Performer of the Week); and **Sarah Coleman '08** (Women's squash co-Rookie of the Week).

Caitlin Connelly '07 was named the NESCAC Women's Ice Hockey Player of the Week, while **Gus Katsuras '06** captured the U.S. College Hockey Online/ITECH Men's Division III Offensive Player of the Week award.

Beat the Experts

Beat the "Experts" is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or colelge atletics. Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

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Season Record:	**5-7**	**4-8**	**10-2**	**5-5**	**3-9**
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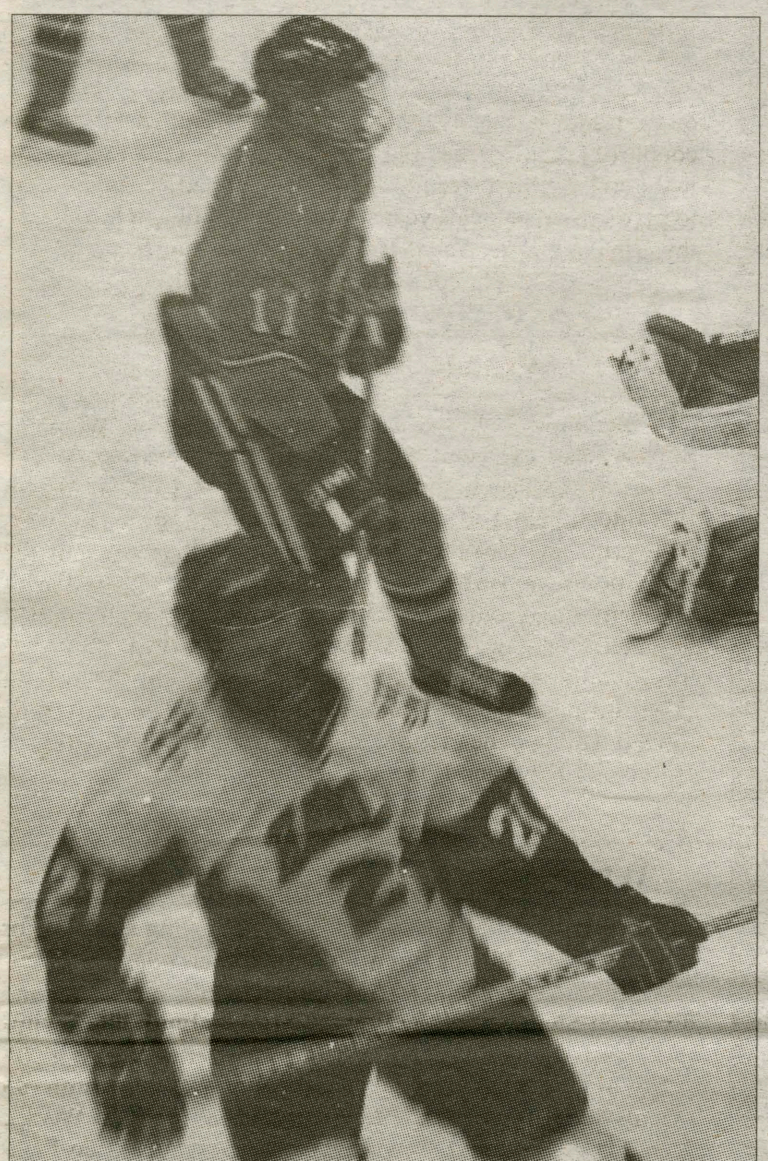
Continentals dominate during NESCAC weekend



BOBBY CPIN '06

Men's hockey will take on Connecticut College and Tufts this weekend at Sage Rink.

*from **Hockey**, page 24*

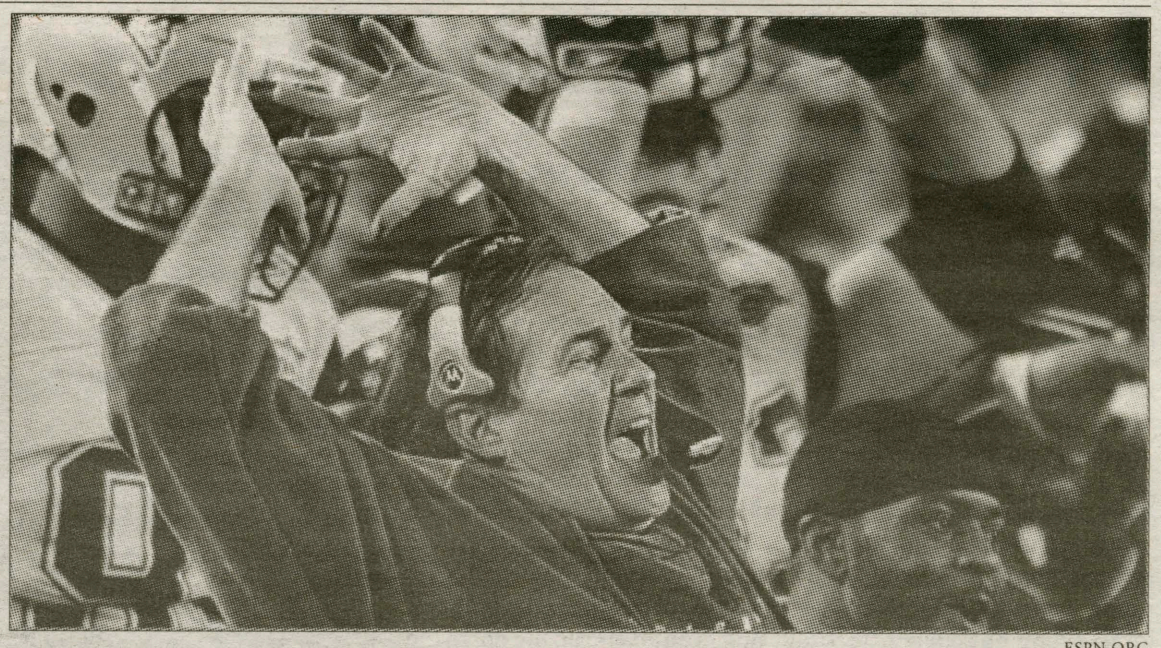
barrage of shots from the Panthers after they had pulled their goalie. The final was 3-2, with Katsuras recording two more tallies to add to his three goals against Williams. "The game was the best hockey the team's played all year," said freshman defenseman Jon Peros '08. "All four lines played well and the team defense was exceptional." Peros also mentioned that the play of Warren Berkstresser '07 (who scored the first Continental goal) and Ricky Reichenbach '07 deserved recognition. In both games last weekend the Continentals did not give up a single power play goal, often times rotating multiple lines during the penalty kill. The win capped off an unbelievable weekend that certainly proved Hamilton can play with anyone in the league.

Katsuras's five goals this weekend did not go unnoticed as he was named NESCAC player of the week and also reached a personal milestone against Middlebury. Katsuras, who leads the NESCAC in goals, eclipsed the one hundred-point mark for his career and now sits with 101 points, including fifty-seven goals. This accomplishment is truly remarkable considering Gus is a junior and needed only seventy-one career games to reach this mark. He is now tied for twenty-third all time in points at Hamilton.

"The game was the best hockey the team's played all year."

— Jon Peros '08, on the game versus Willaims

This weekend the Buff and Blue head to Connecticut College and Tufts. Both teams are below Hamilton in the NESCAC standings but the Continentals cannot afford to take them lightly. Clearly these two schools need these games in order to make the playoffs. Coach Grady mentioned that "both teams have great goaltending," and that Hamilton will "need to put lots of pressure on the opposing players, all over the ice." There is reason to be excited about Men's hockey here in Clinton, and with the team's morale and confidence level at a season high, there is no reason to think the Continentals will slow down now.



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Coach Belichick and his New England Patriots celebrate after their third Super Bowl victory in the past four years.

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by Mike Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Let's get one thing straight right off the bat. I'm not here to preach about how superior the Patriots are. I'm not going to ask you to root for them or even to like them. Believe me, I hate teams that never seem to lose as much as anyone else. But this team, this organization, is different in so many ways. After winning their third Super Bowl in four seasons, they have proven that if opponents and the media don't offer respect, the Patriots will take it, and they'll do it with class.

The issue is not how good they are, it's how classy the organization is. Look around the league and on any given team you will find guys who shoot their mouths off or get busted for drunk driving and drug trafficking. Not in New England. The last player who got in trouble off the field was Kenyatta Jones two years ago. Jones was cut by the team less than a week after he was busted for a D.U.I.

Last year in Cincinnati, Corey Dillon was labeled as a selfish player, not willing to put the team first. Last week Dillon was announced as a Pro Bowler, replacing an injured player. When a team official congratulated him, he said, "Thanks, but I don't really care. I'm playing in a Super Bowl this week." Now how selfish does that sound? You will not find egos anywhere in the Patriots locker room, especially with future Hall-of-Fame quarterback Tom Brady. He has won three titles and 49 games in 4 years as a starter in the NFL, yet refuses to compare himself to all-time great quarterbacks such as Joe Montana. According to Brady, "those guys are great players and there are too many things that I don't do well enough."

Brady is as good as any quarterback in the league, yet this off-season he will renegotiate his contract and his salary cap number will not even approach that of Peyton Manning. Not because Brady lacks anything that Manning has, but because Brady recognizes the importance of letting the team spend money on the guys around him.

The unselfishness of this team is only a small part of what makes them so successful. But it is what separates the Patriots from the rest of the league. Ask any Patriot a question about himself, and you will notice two words are missing from the response: "I" and "me." You'll hear about how the team played, but never will a player single himself out as doing something great on his own. I doubt you'll find that on any other team, including the Eagles. Next time you hear Freddie Mitchell thank his hands for a great performance and want to laugh, think about how he could only manage one catch after he insulted a few of the Patriot "no-name" defenders.

The Patriots have played the "no respect" card for the last two years, and some say it is a tired act. If that's true, than why are they still referred to as a team with no superstars? Harrison, Teddy Bruschi, Richard Seymour, Ty Law, Tom Brady, Matt Light, Corey Dillon, Adam Vinatieri, and Deion Branch are Super Stars, and they proved it by playing like it in the Super Bowl. You won't see too many Patriots at the Pro Bowl this week, which is why this team can continue to play the no respect card.

Deion Branch has amassed 21 catches and over 270 receiving yards in the last two Super Bowls and captured this year's MVP award. A receiver this good surely shouldn't finish third on his team for catches during the regular season, yet because of an injury, and the Patriots' desire to spread the ball around, Branch did just that. Did he ever complain about not getting the ball enough or not being showcased? Not once. On Tuesday night Branch appeared on HBO's *Inside the NFL* and was talking to Chris Carter and *Sports Illustrated's* Peter King. He continually referred to them as Mr. Carter and Mr. King. Pure respect being shown, not nearly enough being given for the best big game receiver in the game today (Branch trails Jerry Rice by 12 catches for the career Super Bowl receptions record, playing in half as many games).

This is not about the "D" word, though the Patriots are certainly at that level. This is about respect. I don't want everyone to like them or root for them. I don't want everyone to say they are a great team. I just want the Patriots to get the respect they have earned by making history in so many ways. The next time your favorite team has to discipline a player for off the field issues, the next time someone guarantees victory, the next time a player uses the word "I" and spouts off superlatives about himself and his team, remember that they ended the last two seasons with a loss.

Come to think of it, keep rooting for teams to beat the Patriots. Keep giving them more motivation to go out and prove you wrong again and again. Get suckered into believing that this team just isn't that good, and can be beaten in big games by teams with more talent. I'd laugh at you when the Patriots proved you wrong, but I'll be too busy finding room in my closet for more championship shirts. Maybe a fourth ring in five years will earn your respect. Maybe another year without any players putting themselves before the team will earn your respect. Maybe another year without anybody being convicted of anything will earn your respect. And if that doesn't do it, maybe you need to reexamine what you think sports should be all about. I'll take the t-e-a-m over the individual accolades any day.

Men's basketball loses two close games

Team drops to third place in Liberty League behind Skidmore, Hobart

by Mike Proia '05
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

In a weekend that Men's basketball coach Tobin Anderson had hoped to make a statement to the rest of the league, the Continentals came home with two losses dropping their road record to 3-4 in the conference. Despite the losses, the Continentals still have a chance to finish at the top of the Liberty League and bring the conference tournament back to Hamilton for a third straight year.

Last Friday, Hamilton traveled to Skidmore for a crucial game against the Thoroughbreds, who had won three straight games coming into the contest. Hamilton appeared to be in control in the first half of the game and led 39-38 at halftime and continued to keep it tight throughout the second half, but Skidmore closed the game on a 7-1 run to come away with a 72-65 victory.

Hamilton struggled from the field in the second half shooting only 33 percent, including one for nine on three point attempts. They also once again allowed an opponent to outshoot them from the free throw line, as Skidmore attempted 20 and the Continentals only thirteen.

Tsakane Ngobeni '07 led the way for Hamilton with a strong eighteen points and seven rebounds, and Nick Jones '07 chipped in with 15 points and four rebounds. Phil Valenti '06 scored sixteen points, hitting four of six three pointers, in addition to six rebounds and three steals. Tim Welchons '06 scored only four points but handed out five assists without a turnover.

There was no rest for the wary as Hamilton hit the road Saturday for another match-up with Union. Knowing a win would put Hamilton over .500 for the season on the road, Union dug in and came up big down the stretch. Hamilton again lead at the break, this game by a score of 42-38, and once again suffered from poor shooting in the second half as they watched the lead slip away.

Hamilton continued to lead, building the advantage to 67-61 with 4:33 remaining, thanks to a three pointer by Jones. But the Dutchmen rallied back and forced Hamilton to run the offense from the perimeter. Hamilton missed its final five field goal attempts, all from beyond the three point arc. Three lay-ups by Union tied the score at 67, and the Dutchmen sealed the victory from the free-throw line, out shooting Hamilton 6-1 the rest of the way.

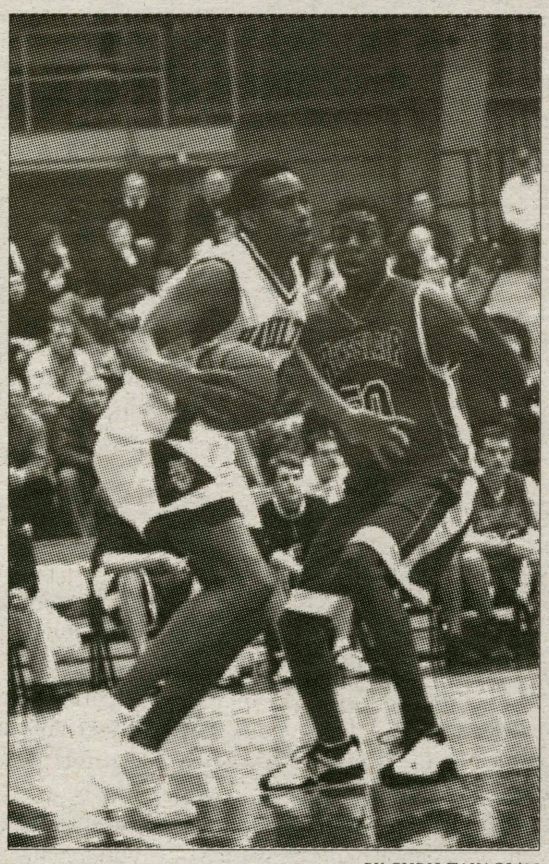
Nick Jones lead the Continentals with a season high 23 points, shooting 7-9 from the floor. Mike Evans '05 added twelve points, hitting three three pointers in the game bringing his career total to 100. Welchons ran another smooth floor game, scoring seven points and dishing out five assists.

The pair of losses puts Hamilton in third place in the Liberty League, two games behind first place Skidmore. However, the Continentals finish the season with five home games, starting this weekend with games against St. Lawrence Friday night at 8:00 PM and Clarkson Saturday at 4:00 PM. Skidmore will travel to Rensselaer and Vassar this weekend and still has Clarkson and St. Lawrence at home to end the season, so the Continentals need some help from those teams to get to the top of the league.

The Continentals hope to use their home court advantage to the fullest over the next two weeks, but they need a packed house to help get things going. A strong showing this weekend will go a long way to helping Hamilton wrap up a conference tournament spot. Hamilton leads Union by only half a game, followed by Vassar and R.P.I. one game back.

BY KATIE CHILDS '08

The Continentals will face St. Lawrence on Friday, followed by Clarkson on Saturday at the Bundy Scott Fieldhouse this weekend.

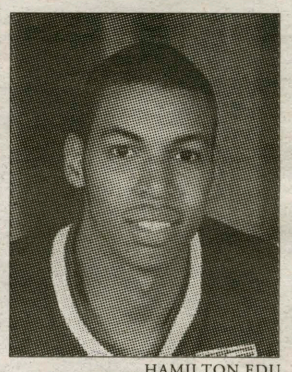


BY CHRIS TAKACS '05

Tsakane Ngobeni '07

LIBERTY LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. Skidmore	7-3
2. Hobart	6-3
3. Hamilton	5-4
4. Union	5-5
5. Vassar	4-5
Rensselaer	4-5
7. St. Lawrence	4-6
8. Clarkson	3-7



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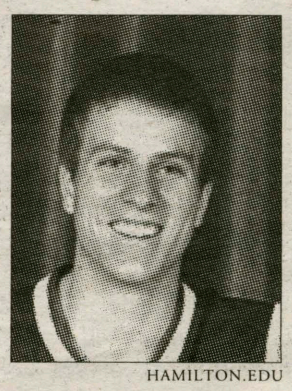
Nick Jones '07



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Phil Valenti '06

Women's hockey fourth in NESCAC standings

BY NICK LUND '05

The Continentals defeated Colby on Saturday, February 5, after finishing with a tie during Friday night's match-up. Goalie Caitlin Connelly '07 recorded a .955 save percentage during the team's two game series versus Colby.

by Matt Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

After struggling the past few weeks, the Hamilton College Women's hockey team has finally tasted the fruits of its labor. The squad traveled to Maine this past weekend to began its two-game series against Colby College on February 4. The team then played a tough RIT squad this past Wednesday, February 9. Hamilton came out victorious against both opponents, picking up one tie and two wins.

Hamilton's first game against Colby can attest for how evenly matched the two squads were. The score went back and forth all game. Unfortunately, as time expired in OT, neither team emerged victorious. The first period was a defensive battle. Hamilton fired eight shots on goal while Colby managed two. Neither squad could convert its shots into goals, however. Colby came out aggressively in the second period however, scoring a little more than six minutes into the period. About ten minutes later however, Hamilton's Tierney Boisvert '07 knocked in an unassisted goal to tie the score at one. Hamilton edged out Colby in shots once again in the second period, recording a 7-6 advantage.

Hamilton arguably dominated the third period. Kerry Leonard '07 put up Hamilton's second goal just two and a half minutes into the period. Taylor Brady '08 recorded the valuable assist. Minutes later, Colby answered by knocking in another goal to tie the score at two. While the goals were equal in the third period, Hamilton did enjoy a 14-5 shot advantage on Colby. The Continentals were not able to exploit their numerous shots to pull ahead, however. After a scoreless overtime, the game ended with a 2-2 tie. The Continentals left the ice however, knowing that they could have won the game. It was this attitude that propelled them to victory in their second battle against the Mules.

The two teams faced off the following day in another exciting game. In this game however, Hamilton's advantage was obvious. Hamilton picked up two goals in the first period against Colby. The squad's first goal was fired in by scoring sensation, Zoë Baldwin '06 on the assist from fellow captain Marissa Halligan '05. It was the team's first of two power play conversions. The second goal in the period came when Ryan-Lindsay Bartz '07 knocked in an unassisted goal with just a couple minutes remaining.

The Continentals put the nail in the coffin with the goal by Jane Bradley '06. Assisted by Jess Goldberg '08 and Kristina Carroll '07, the goal gave Hamilton a 3-0 advantage. The solid performance in goal by Caitlin Connelly '07 earned her the impressive honor of NESCAC player of the week. Connelly blocked all 27 of the shots she faced. She recorded a .955 save percentage in the two-game series against Colby. The combination of explosive offense and impeccable defense has propelled the Continentals to their recent streak of success. Their impressive play did not end their, however. In last Wednesday's game against RIT, Hamilton once against demonstrated its potential.

The Continentals picked up a 4-3 win against a strong RIT team this past week. After a scoreless first period, RIT began the scoring battle with a goal nine and a half minutes into the second period. Baldwin answered just minutes later however, scoring on the assist from Carroll. The score was tied until RIT knocked in its second goal of the period with less than three minutes remaining.

Emma Dunn '07 scored just three minutes into the third period to tie the score at two. Then, shortly after, Baldwin knocked in her second goal of the game on the assist from Leonard and Halligan. The Continentals enjoyed a 3-2 advantage until RIT returned with another goal. The third period ended with the score 3-all. Then, just 42 seconds into the OT period, Halligan fired in the game-winner to give Hamilton the 4-3 win over RIT.

The overtime win against RIT improved the Continentals to 7-10-2 overall. The team's recent success will most likely provide momentum for the upcoming series against Sacred Heart. The two teams will battle at Sage Rink this Friday, February 11. "After coming off a big win in OT against RIT, I think we are ready for Sacred Heart this weekend," said Baldwin. "We have a good chance to finish off the season on a really good note with wins against Sacred Heart and Connecticut College."

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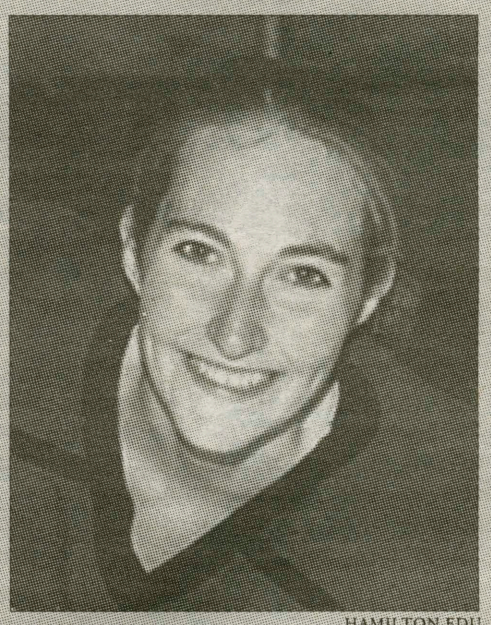
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Zoe Baldwin '06



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Zoe Baldwin '06 could reach 100 career points this weekend versus Sacred Heart.

Zoe is not only a great athlete, but an active member of the Hamilton community. Below she discusses everything from Gus Katuras' moves to *Call on Me*...

Sara Bryant '08, Sports Writer: Where are you from?
Zoe Baldwin, captain of the Women's hockey team: Nepean, Ontario Canada.
SB: Do you have any siblings?
ZB: I have three other siblings in the family. It gets pretty crazy.
SB: What is your favorite sport?
ZB: Hockey, of course! I have played since I was six years old and can't get enough of it.
SB: What position do you play?
ZB: Torpedo
SB: What is your favorite hockey move?
ZB: All of Gus Katsuras' moves are my favorite.
SB: What is your favorite part about hockey?
ZB: Oh, everything about hockey is fabulous. I can't think of one thing I don't like!
SB: What is your funniest hockey experience?
ZB: That would have to be the time we had an extreme "Call On Me" dance party in the locker room. Doesn't get much better!
SB: What is your favorite food to eat when you are watching hockey?
ZB: Ketchup Chips...
SB: What kind of skates do you use?
ZB: Bauer XX, and I definitely do not figure skate!
SB: What is the coolest move you can do on the ice?
ZB: Well, I can't really do anything cool because I'm just not as good as Gus!
SB: What was the worst fall you've can remember?
ZB: In warm-ups we were running around the track and I tripped on the carpet in the middle of a Men's Basketball game.
SB: What other activities on campus do you do?
ZB: Student Assembly, Relay for Life, Newman Council. I also serve as the chair of the food committee on the Student Assembly.
SB: How were you appointed food committee chair?
ZB: They needed someone to fill the position and I like food so I raised my hand
SB: What do you do on food committee?
ZB: We talk about all the little things like Chicken Patties
SB: What is your favorite food in Commons?
ZB: The pizza is my new favorite!
SB: Who is your favorite Men's hockey player?
ZB: My favorite is definitely Ratman, but a very close second is Chris Cagliuso.
SB: Who is your least favorite?
ZB: I would have to say that far and away that is Jeff Vautour.
SB: What is the worst injury you've ever had?
ZB: At Deerfield I had a really bad rug burns, they put me out of commission for a while.

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Men's hockey defeats Middlebury, Williams

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The Men's hockey team is 8-5-2 in NESCAC play, and 9-8-3 overall.

Continentals tied for fifth place in NESCAC

by Nick Rockwell '08

SPORTS WRITER

The Men's hockey team is in high spirits after a phenomenal weekend at Sage Rink. The Continentals disposed of a tough Williams squad and the Middlebury Panthers, a team ranked 6th in the nation at the time. The two NESCAC wins propelled Hamilton into a tie for fifth place in the league with the playoffs looming. This coming weekend the Continentals (8-5-2 conference, 9-8-3 overall) travel to Connecticut College and Tufts University hoping to continue their rise in the league standings.

Against Williams, senior goaltender Rob MacNeil '05 and leading scorer Gus Katsuras '06 were the stars. The Continentals were outshot eleven to two in the first period, but MacNeil kept the score knotted at zero until Katsuras was able to break through on a power play goal in the second. Williams freshman standout Brandon Jackmuff countered for the Ephs early in the third, but Katsuras and the Continentals proved to be too much as the junior standout tallied two unanswered goals, completing the hat trick and securing the win, 3-1. Jeff Vautour '06 and Chris Clarkson '07 each finished with two assists and MacNeil turned away twenty-one shots. Katsuras, Vautour, and Clarkson were recently put on the same line and have since played extremely well together. "Clarkson and Vatuour have really helped complement Gus a lot," said head coach Phil Grady. "Chris with his great speed and stick skills, and Jeff with great size and hands around the net."

On Saturday the Middlebury Panthers came to the Hill boasting a seven game winning streak and a 10-3-1 league record. Middlebury's hallmark has always been playing an up-tempo brand of hockey, while constantly utilizing open space and moving the puck around the rink. According to Coach Grady, the three key game points for the Continentals were to "handle the puck carrier and not to let him skate, to handle the guys off of the puck, and to finish checks." Hamilton came out doing just that as the two teams traded goals in the first and second periods. Once again it was Katsuras who scored the game winner late in the third period. MacNeil and the Hamilton defense held steady for the rest of the game including a late

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Katsuras reaches career milestone

Tri-Captain Gus Katsuras '06 has 101 career points at Hamilton after two stellar performances against NESCAC rivals. Katusras recorded a hat trick in the Continentals' 3-1 win over Williams College on February 4. He also contributed two goals against Middlebury on Saturday, helping Hamilton upset the nationally ranked Panthers (currently tied for second place in the NESCAC). Katsuras' total career goals totals 57. He is the 25th player in Hamilton history to cross the 100 career points mark. Katsuras was named NESCAC Men's Ice Hockey Player of the Week.

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Gus Katsuras '06 scored his 100th point on Saturday.

Continentals begin roadtrip

Hamilton will travel to Connecticut College tonight to face the Camels (3-11-1 NESCAC). Connecticut is 1-8-1 this season at home but was able to beat Williams on the road on January 8, after losing a close game to Middlebury. The Camels are ranked tenth in NESCAC standings. The Continentals beat Connecticut 5-2 when the teams met last season. On Saturday afternoon, Hamilton will take on the Jumbos of Tufts University (5-9-1 NESCAC). Tufts is ranked eighth and lost to Middlebury earlier this season 7-0. Last year, Hamilton defeated Tufts 6-1 at Sage Rink.